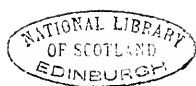




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PREFATORY NOTICE.

THE following Contribution to the Abbotsford Club, contains Selections from the Minutes of the SYNOD OF FIFE, from 1611 to 1687, a highly interesting period of our Ecclesiastical History during the times both of Episcopacy and Presbyterianism, and forms an appropriate addition to the "Selections from the Minutes of the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cupar" from 1641 to 1698, recently presented to the Club by Mr. Kinloch.

The Editor is much indebted to many of the Clergy of the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cupar, and particularly to the late Rev. Dr. Adamson, first Minister of Cupar, and the Rev. Mr. Swan of Abereromby, for the use of the Records of their Parishes, and of those of the Synod and Presbyteries. It is hoped that the two volumes of "Ecclesiastical Records," presented to the Club, will not only be the precursors of other similar Selections, but may also stimulate the Clergy to adopt some public measure, under the authority of the General Assembly, for the preservation of the Ecclesiastical Records of Scotland.

The earliest Register of the SYNOD OF FIFE, from which the following Extracts are taken, comprises the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod, from 2d April 1611, to 27th April 1636. It is in excellent preservation, and consists of 348 pages, marked in modern figures; but it is evident from the original enumeration of the folios, (thirty-nine leaves being wanting at the beginning, and several at the end) that it must have commenced at an earlier period, probably at the induction of Archbishop Gladstones in 1606, and been carried down, in all likelihood, to the year 1638, when Episcopacy was abolished.

Upon the establishment of Presbyterian Church government, the Synod, at their meeting held in St. Andrews on the 1st October 1639, with the view to secure the preservation of their Records, and to make the Presby-

teries of the province better acquainted with their proceedings, passed the following Enactment relative to the Synodal Register.

“ The whilk day, the Provinciall Assemblie convened in the South Ile of the said citie, after incalling the name of God ; they having duely considered how expedient and necessar it is to have a comelie Register of there actes, ordinances, processes, and sentences, to be sighted by the Generall Assemblie, when they sall be required to that effect ; and that all parties having entres may have extractes of matteris of importance, according to the Actes of the Generall Assemblie ; as likewise, that everie particular Presbyterie have a just copie of the said Register : They have chosen Mr. John Morcis, clerk to the late Provinciall Assemblie, holden at Cupar in April, in this infant yeir of God 1639, to continue the ordinarie clerk in all there Assemblies ; which office the said Mr. John accepted in and upon him, be a solemne oath and promise to be faithfull therein, under the conditions after specified. That is to say, the said Mr. John, upon his owne charges, sall attend the Provinciall Assemblie, and provide five comelie paper bookis, wherein he sall writ the severall actes of everie Provincial Assemblie,—one to remain a publict Register to the whole Provinciall Assemblie, and the other four to be delivered to them respectivè, one to ilk ane of the saidis Presbyteries within thrie moneth immediatlie after ilk Provinciall Assemblie ; as also, to extract such actes and ordinances of everie Assemblie, to ony persoun, of his own process allenarlie, that sall require the samen, upon the said Mr. John his owne charges : For the whilk cause, the saidis ministeris and elderis, and ilk ane of them, for themselves, sall pay to the said Mr. John, at everie Provinciall Assemblie to be holden within ony part of the said province, threttein shilling four pennies. And for the more sure keiping of the premissis, the said Provinciall Assemblie and Mr. John are content, and consentis that thir presentis be insert in the publict Register of this Provinciall Assemblie, there to remain *ad futuram rei memoriam*.”

The “ publict register” of the Synod appears to have been lost ; but “ just copies” of it, which belonged to the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Dunfermline, are in the possession of the Synod Clerk. These Copies

are much mutilated and destroyed by damp; that of Dunfermline, however, being the more perfect, has been relied on in making the Extracts. It commences with the proceedings of the Provincial Assembly held at Cupar on the 2d April 1639, and terminates 7th April 1657.

The third volume of the Records, being the Register of the Diocesan Synod from 14th October 1662, to 5th October 1687, is also much injured by damp, the writing being in many places illegible, and several leaves at the beginning destroyed.

The Catalogue of Ministers from the Reformation to the year 1700, is not so complete and correct as could be desired; but as some labour has been bestowed in examining many original records and other authentic sources, it is thought that, even with its defects, it will form an interesting and appropriate Appendix to the present work. It may be observed that the contractions *ad.* and *tr.* stand for *admission* and *translation*, and that the dates within parentheses are given, not as the dates of induction of the Clergymen, but merely as the earliest periods at which their names have been discovered on record.

The Fac-similes of the Seals of Archbishops Spottiswoode and Sharp, and the Autographs¹ of the Archbishops of St. Andrews from 1611 to the Revolution, are taken from original Charters granted by them as superiors of lands held of the See of St. Andrews. The Seals of the Abbey, (one of which is very old), shew the entire building of the Chapel and Tower of St. Regulus, and a small building or Chapel which must have formerly stood on the *west* side of the Tower. Martine in his state² of the See of St. Andrews, written in 1683, gives a description of this, the most ancient building of the Monastery of St. Andrews. The Tower, which is all that now remains, is at present in the same state as described by him, excepting that "it was of late fresh pointed, and the stair case within it repaired."

¹ No. 1 is the Signature of George Gladstones, 1610; 2. John Spottiswoode, 1619; 3. James Sharp, 1662; 4. Alexander Burnet, 1684; 5. Arthur Ross, 1686.

² Martine's Reliquiæ Divi Andreae, p. 182.

THE SYNOD OF FIFE.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF SAINTANDROIS
QUHILK LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN AT SAINTANDROIS UPON
THE SECOND AND FOWRTH DAYES OF APRYL IN ANNO I^mVI^c ELEVINE
YEIRS, CONVOCATE AND MODERATE BE THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER
IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Seffio Prima.

EFTER invocatiōne of Godis holy name, and doctrine delyverit be the
said right reverend Father,¹ the brethren serving the cuir of the kirkes in
the boundis above spēcifiet wer found present; exceptand the Ministeris
of Aberluthnot, Dunc, Idvie, Lentrathine, Erroll, Collace, Blair, Cam-
bushinichael, Scoone, Kingleffie, Bruntiland, Tor, Muckart. The Min-
isteris of Aberluthnot, Collace, Erroll, and Scoone, excused be sicknes;
Cambushinichael be povertie, and that he behoved to keep the Synode of
Dunkeld: concerning the remanent, it was ordainit, that the Moderatour
of evrie Exerceis² fall charge thame to compeir befor the next Synode, to
heir and fie the sentens of suspensiōne from the Ministrie, conforme to

¹ Mr. George Gladstones, minister at Arbirlot in Angus, and afterwards at St. Andrews, was made bishop of Caithness in 1600, and Archbishop of St. Andrews in 1606. He died 2d May 1615.

² The term *Exerceis*, from *exercitus* an assembly, is used, during the episcopal period of the Church, as synonymous with *Presbytery*.

the A&t of the Generall Assemblie, pronuncit agains thame, or ellis to schaw reasonabie caus in the contrair.

COMMISSIONERIS PRESENT FROM THE PARTICULAR CONGREGATIOUNES.

From Arbuthnot ; the Lairdis of Arbuthnot and Allardeis.
 From Eglisgreig ; the Laird of Balgillo.
 From Rascobie ; the Laird of Cars.
 From Forfar ; Gideon Guthrie, William Lockie.
 From Inneraritie ; the Laird of Kincaldrum.
 From Effie Nevay ; the Laird of Logie Megill.
 From Inchbryok ; the Laird of Vlishevine.
 From St. Vigiane ; the Goodman of North Turrie.
 From Coupar ; William Chrystisowne, David Jamisone.
 From Ebdie ; Jhone Cavie, Gavine Adefone.
 From Ferrie-Portuncraig ; Mr. James Durie.
 From Fordowne ; the Laird of Saintfurd, Goodman [of] Kirkton.
 From Lewehars ; the Laird of Kynnaird.
 From Saintandros ; the Rector of the Vniverfitie, the Provost of the
 Towne, the Goodman of Craigtowne.
 From Craill ; the Laird of Balcolmie.
 From Dinninnow ; the Goodman of Strawfuthie.
 From Kembak ; the Laird of Blebo.
 From Largo ; Mr. Robert Durie, Mr. Thomas Wood.
 From Kilrinnie ; Jhone Strang, Thomas Watfone.
 From Cleish ; the Laird of Treatowne.
 From Innerkeything ; Jhone Scott, Jhone Bonar.

THE BRETHREN NOMINATE TO BE VPON THE PRIVIE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Androw Ramfay, Jhone Erkine, James Ramfay, Mr. Henrie Fullertowne, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrick Lindefay, Mr. Androw Clayhills, Mr. Henrie Duncane, Mr. William Malcolme, Mr. Alexander Kinninmonth, Mr. Jhone Malcolme, Mr. James Row, Mr. Patrik Weymes.

Mr. David Monypennie, Mr. Josuah Durie, Mr. Johne Kynneir, the Rector of the Vniverſitie, Mr. Robert Howy, Mr. Jhone Caldeleuch, the Provost of the Awld College, Mr. Robert Buchannane, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfone, Mr. David Spens, Mr. Androw Frofter, Mr. Edmund Myles, the barronis and gentilmen Commiſſioneris, and the Proveſt of the towne of Saintandros.

Clerk.—Mr. Jhone Guthrie, miniſter at Arbirlott, nominate and choſen to be Clerk to the preſent Aſſembly, quho gave his oath for faithfull diſcharge of the ſaid office.

Houres of Meeting.—It was thoct meitt that the Aſſembly conven in the Awld College, the privie Conferens in the litle Hall, the full Aſſembly in the Commoune Scole. The Conferens to meitt at two; the Aſſembly at thrie houres after noone; and on the next day, the Conferens to meitt at ſevine; the full Aſſembly at ten houres before noone; at quhilk tymes the bell of the ſaid College ſhall ring to the full Aſſembly.

Keiping the Aſſembly.—Item, for preventing the departure of the brethren convent to this Aſſembly befor the diſſolving thair of, and procuring that thei may conven preceſſie at the tymes appoynted, it wes concludit, that quhoſoever ſhall depart befor the end of the Aſſembly ſhall be reputt as thoct he had not bein preſent at all, and cenſured accordingly. And everie brother comming tardie to the Conferens or full Aſſembly, ſhall pay vnforgiven fex ſ.

Seſſio Secunda.

Sir Jhone Ogilvie—Item, forſamikle as Sir Jhone Ogilvie of Craig excommunicate, havand giſſen to the laſt Aſſembly ane ſuitt to be reconciled to the Kirk, as in the ſamen at moir lenth is conteinit, no dealing cowlde be had with him vntill the tyme the Kings Maieſties will war knowne; for the quhilk caus, my Lord Archbiſhop wes deſyred to writt to his Hienes, quhois licence being obtained, and the ſaid Sir Jhone relaxed from the horne, his Lordſhip apoynted certaine brethren, viz. Mrs. Arthour Futhie, Patrik Lyndefy, Henrie Fullertowne, Jhone Guthrie, Androw Clayhills, and Androw Ramfy, to quhom commiſſiounes wes giſſen to tak

the said Sir Jhone his oath and subseriptione, to the articles of the fayth and trew religioun; quhilk subseriptione, together with the said Sir Jhone his band to communicate quhen and quhair he salbe requyred, vnder the paine of ane thousand merkis, wes produced be the foirnamed brethrene; Theirfoir, the Assëmblie, finding no further impediment, concludit that the said Sir Jhone salbe absolved from the fentens of excommunicatione be my Lord Archbithop in the kirk of Saintandros, after he hes maid folemne declaratioun of his repentans for his apostasie, and giffen, publi&lie as privatelie, his oath, *etc.*; in the quhilk kirk also he sall communicate the first tyme the communionne salbe celebrate thair. The foirsaid conclusioun to be intimate to him be the foirnamed brethren, quho ar ordained, betwix and the tyme of his absolutione, to deall with him for his further instructioun.

Thomas Tyrie.—Item, forsamikle as Thomas Tyrie, excommunicat papist, hes maid no progres in conferens with the brethren apoynted for that office, and that no hoip is of his conversioun sineerlie to the trew Kirk, thairfoir it wes statute and ordained, that the first Saboth after the returne of the brethren from this present Assëmblie, the excommunicatione of the said Thomas salbe of new published in all pulpitts, and intimate to the people. Lykas my Lord Archbithop sall deall with the Kings Majestie and Seereitt Counsell, that ordour may be takin with him according to the laws.

Requisiitioun of Oath.—The foirsaid day, the A& maid in the said Assëmblie holdin at Arbroth in the moneth of September lastbypast, concerning the requisiitioun of the oath and subseriptione of such gentlemen, noblemen, thair children or followeris, quho as yet have not giffen the same, wes renewed, with this additioun, that such as have, since thair subseriptione, bein foorth of the countrey salbe vrged lykewys to subserive.

Communicating.—Item, it is statute and ordained, that everie brother fall lawfullie requyre, that is, upon premonitioun of twentie dayes, befoir two witneses, all such in thair congregatiouns as traveling to forraine countreys ar suspect of religioun, and such vtheris as have heirtofor refused or absented thame selfis from the communionne, to communicate betwix and the fyfteinth day of August. Lyk as the brethren ordained to

dilate immediatlie thairafter to my Lord Archbithop, such as falbe found to refus or withdraw thame selfis.

Vniformitie of Discipline.—Forſamikle as the diverſitie of proceeding in Discipline in dyveris kirkis, breedis offens and grudges in the hartis both of the miniſtrie and alſo of the people; thairfor, and to the end that thair may be ane vniformitie of miniſtratioune of diſcipline throughtout the haill kirkis of this preſent Synode, it wes thoelt meitt that certaine brethren be nominate, to quhom the charge of effectuating the ſaid work ſalbe committed. The nominatione alwayes continowed to the next meitting.

Commoune Box.—Item, to the end that thair may be in tyme coming, ane mean redy and at hand for releiffe and help of poor brether, widowes, fatherles, and vtheris in neceſſitie, It is concludit, that ane Commoune Box be provydit, and had heirafter, to the quhilk, evrie brother ſhall impute at ilk Synode according to his moyen and abilitie, and the firſt payment to be the next infewing Synode; and for this effect, the brethren, ordained and appoynted to tak and collekt the names of the defunctis, ar injoyned to gif vp the rentallis of the haill kirkes within thair boundis, that accordinglie the contributione may be.

Vniformitie of Discipline.—Item, for ſetting downe ane vniformitie of Discipline, the Aſſemblic nominates Mr. William Coupar, Mr. William Malcolme, Mr. Alexander Kinninmounth, Mr. Henrie Fullertowne, Mr. Androw Ramſay, Jhone Erskine, the Biſhop of Kaytnes, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrik Lyndſy, Mr. Henrie Philp, Mr. Androw Clayhills, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfoune, Mr. Robert Buchannan, the Reſtor of the Vniverſitie, the Proveſt of the New College, Mr. William Murray, perſone of Craill, and Mr. David Williamſone. quho ſhall cairfullie reid and digeſt ſuch things as may ſerve for the effect ſoiraſaid; and being all convenit, or at leiſt nyne of thame, within the citie of St. Androis, with my Lord Archbiſhop, ſhall conferr in commoune thair particuler laboures and travellis, and condifeend vpon ane ſolide ordour to be preſented to the next Aſſemblic, and obſerved vniverſallie in all tym coming. And appoyntis the ſecond Tyſday of Auguſt for thair firſt meitting.

Penalties.—Lykwayes the foirnamed brethren ar ordained to condifeend vpon certane penalties, to be exacted of ſuch as ſalbe found abſent from

the Exerceis vpon the dayes appoynted thairto ; as also, vpon such as failzie to mak the Exerceis, Additionne, or intreat the Commoun-Head of doctrine, according as thei ar injoynd in thair courfes. ¹

George Small excommunicat.—Item, the brethren directed be the said Synode to my Lord Earle Maréshall, for causing his Lordship remove from him Georg Small excommunicate, reportit, that my Lord had put him from his companie altogether.

Petitio Mr. Davidis LyndeJay.—Anent the fuitt of Mr. David LyndeJay, minister at Leith, craving that Mr. Simeon Durie, succceeding to him in the ministrie at Forgound, may refund to him the charges of the Mans of the said kirk ; It wes thocht meitt, that thei fowld ilkane of thame nominate two brethren, to quhom the decifoune of that mater falbe committed, havand interponed lykwayes the awthoritie of the Assémblie : Mr. David nominate the Re&tor of the Vniverfitie and Mr. Jhone Kynneir, Mr. Simeon nominate the Goodman of Kirktowne and Mr. Josuah Durie, promittand to stand at ther delyverans, and my Lord Archbifhop nominate oddifman and overfman.

Lawrens Farguffone incestuous.—The foirfaid day, Lawrens Farguffone, in the parochine of Kirkaldie, lawfullie warned and callit, compeired, quho confessed that he had committed the most filthie cryme of incest with Jonet Young ; quhairanent my Lord Archbifhop and Assémblie foirfaid ordained, that seeing the civill judge hes spaired his lyf, quhairof, be the law of God and of this kingdome, he fowld be deprieved, he fall pas ilk Saboth day from kirk to kirk, *per circumum*, throughtout the hail kirkes in the boundis of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie, according as he falbe injoynd be the brethren of the samine, and that in sackcloth for the fpace of ane yeir compleitt, without any intermissiounne of dayes, vntill the next diocefan Assémblie, to be holdin (God willing) in St. Androis.

¹ It appears to have been the practice at the meeting of Presbyteries, before proceeding to the ordinary business, for one of the brethren to make the *Exerceis*, that is, critically to analyse a prescribed text in the original language of Scripture, from which he demonstrated certain prominent points of religion ; and for another to *add*, or make the *addition*, as it was technically called, being an illustrative discourse on the text so handled ; while a third discussed the common points of doctrine.

in the moneth of Apryl 1612; at the quihlk tyme the said Lawrens fall compeir befor the said Synode, to the end, that if the brethren foirsaid, fall declair his unfained repentans, manifested be his willing, humble, and constant obediens, he may be absolved: vtherwayes, the dayes of his publick satisfactioun to be multiplied, as salbe thocht expedient.

Darfe.—Mr. Jhone Rutherford, admitted minister at Darfe, in room of Mr. James Ywill, deceased.

Georg Kermeg.—George Kermeg, trilaps in adulterie, in the parochine of Kinneff, lawfullie summoned to this day, called, compeired not. He is therfor ordained to be infisted against the censures of the Kirk; as also, to be summoned to compeir befor the High Commissioun, that he may be punished in his body and guidis.

Transportatione, A. Ramsay, R. Marchiston, A. Simfone.—My Lord Archbishop and present Synode, vpon good and weghtie considerations granted, and be thir presents grantis, to Mr. Androw Ramsay, minister at Arbutnot, Mr. Richart Marchistoun, minister at Edzell, and Mr. Alexander Simfone, minister at Conveth, libertie of transportation from the saids kirks *respectivè*, at what tyme it shall pleis God to offer commodious and fitt occasiounes of imployment of thame in vther places.

Petitiò Mr. J. Thomfson.—Anent the suitt of Mr. James Thomesone, minister at Kilmainie, that regard may be had to his mein moyen and travellis, takin with thois that have entres to augment the same in some reasonable maner, that sa he may be able to attend his charge, It wes concludit that, *primo quoque tempore*, the said kirk be visited, and travellis takin for removing the said Mr. James his greives; as also, according as occasioun shall offer, and my Lord Archbishop shall in the visitatione find convenient, to grant licence of transportation to the said Mr. James.

Petitiò Kylrinnie.—Anent the supplicatione giffen in be the parochiners of Kylrinnie, for Mr. James Melvill, thair minister, that he may be reftored to thame, my Lord Archbishop declared, that he had written to the Kings Majestie for that effect, but had not effectuete it. The Assemblie, as yet, requesited his Lordship to infist.¹

¹ Mr. James Melvill, a wise and discreet man, was at this time confined in Berwick by the

Petitio Conveth.—Anent the supplicatione of the parochiners of Conveth,¹ that some ordour may be takin, that ane competent moyen may be dealt for to thair minister, quho is not able vtherwayes to continow in his service, it is concludit, that my Lord Archbifhop fall appoynt ane dyett, at the quhilk the Maisteris of the New College, persons of the parochine, fall conveyin with the gentlemen thair of, for fetling the contraverfies among thame, and making out ane stipend to the minister; and that the Rector of the Univerfite, the Lairdis of Kynnaird and Balcolmie, and Mr. Arthour Futhie, vifitours of the faid College, fall affift his Lordfhip in the faid aëtioune.

Questio.—The queftione, Quhidder ane perfone, havand committed ane capitall cryme, quhairby he may not have *tutum acceffum* to fatiffie the difcipline of the Kirk, being requyred and fummoned to compeir and fatiffie as faid is, and not compeirand, falbe declared contumax, and accordingly proceedit againft?—is referred to [be] advyfed vpon in the Conferens.

Seffione 4^a, April 4.

Queftiome.—Anent the queftiome propoundit, Quhidder ane perfone havand committed, *etc. et fupra*, the Affembly, after mature deliberatione, finding many probable argumentis *pro et contra*, thocht meitt that the queftiome be as better advyfed vpon, and for that effect ordained the brethren, appoynted for fetting downe the Vniformitie of Difcipline, to confult and advys with vtheris of thair brethren, and report thair judgment at thair meiting, the fecund Tyfday of Auguft; at quhilk tyme, havand difpute the faid queftiome, they fall report thair judgment to the next infewing Synode. And to the end thair be no praëteis, in the mean tyme, contraire to the law to be condifcendit vpon, it is concludit that all fuch aëtiounes fall ceis to the faid Synode.

Queftiome.—Item, the queftiome, Quhidder ane perfone accused of ane capitall cryme be holdin to purg himfelf be his folemne oath?—referred to

King's order, for refusing to conform to Epifcopacy. He died there in 1614. His DIARY, a curious and valuable work, was printed for the BANNATYNE CLUB in 1829.

¹ Now called Laurencekirk, in Kincardineshire.

be advyſed vpon be the foirnamed brethren, and reported be thame the ſaid ſecound Tyſday of Auguſt, and fra that tyme to the Synode above ſpecified.

Gleib, Ferrie.—Anent the gleib of the kirk of the Ferrie of Portuncraig, the brethren of the Exerecis of St. Androis ar ordained to deal with the Laird of Durie for the peaciable obtaining of the ſame.

Petitio, Archbald, William, David, Thomas Ogilvies.—Anent the ſuitt of Archbald, William, Thomas, and David Ogilvies, propoſing, that thei, being moſt penitent for the ſlaughter of vnquhile Jhone Piggot, committed be thame, for the quhilk caus thei wer excommunicate be the Exerecis of Megill, had done all that thei ar able to reconcile thame ſelfis to God and his Kirk; and for that effect, had not only obtained tham ſelfis to be relaxed from his Hienes horne, but alſo maid, above thair poweris, offers for allythement to the partie; nochtwithſtanding thei ſtill continow obſtinate, reſuſing altogether to heir any offeris, as the act of the ſaid Exerecis, vnder ſubſcriptione of Mr. George Pitullo, clerk thairto, preferred to the Aſſemblic, bearis, to quhome, be the ſaid act, it is referred; craved thairfor, that vpon the conſideratione of the premisses, thei may be abſolved from the ſaid ſentens of excommunicatione;—It wes concludit that the brethren of the Exerecis of Megill, yet as befoir, ſhall deal with the parties, quhome if thai ſtill find to continow obſtinate, then and in that cais thei ſhall tak the band of the ſaidis Archbald, William, Thomas, and David Ogilvies for making payment of the ſoumes already offered, quhen the partie ſhalbe willing to accept; and further, at the ſight, and be the modificatione of the Gudmen of Littleblair, Cruman, and Jurdington, quhairvpon thai ſhalbe abſolved be Mr. William Malcolmne vpon thair repentans in the kirk of Airlie.

Queſtionne.—The queſtionne propoundit be the brethren of the Exerecis of Arbroth, Quhat forme of tryall ſhalbe vſed of ane woman, quho, being ſuſpect to have borne a bairne in inceſt, fatheris the ſame vpon ane man in Elgine of Murray, quhair thair is nane of ſuch name, nether at any tyme wes thair ane ſuch ſein in the place of her reſidence?—It wes anſwerit, that if ſho willinglie offer her aith, thei tak it, vtherways that ſho, at her repentans making, gif her ſolemne declaratione of that ſho hes affirmed.

Da. Beatoun.—Compeired David Beatoun of Carlgownie, ſummoned to

this day, accused of not communicating in his parochie kirk of Aberlemno, excused him self be his absens out of the countrey. Mr. Jhone Lyndfay, minister, is ordained to mak intimatioun to him of the tyme appoyntit for the Communione, and requyre him ordourlie thairto.

Regraitt Seone.—Anent the complaint and regraitt of the brethren of the ministrie of the Abbaie of Seone, that my Lord of Seone refusies altogether to furnishe the Elements to the Communione, they ar advysed to rays letteres of horning for charging, *etc.* As also, the Assëmblie fall direct thair supplicatioun to the Lordis of Secreit Counfall to the effect foirsaid.

Commoune Bible.—Forfamikle as it wes thoct expedient that thair be in evrie kirk ane commoune Byble, It wes concludit that evrie brother fall vrge his parochinaries to buy ane of the Bybles laitlie printed be Androw Hart. And the brother failzeing, ether to caus buy ane, as said is, or ellis to gif in his exact diligence, fall pay at the next Synode sex libis money.

Habites.—Item, it wes statute and ordained that evrie brother of the ministrie within the boundis of this Synode, fall heirafter resort to all thair meitings, allweil in Exerceis as Synode, in such habites as ar contained and preservyd be the Act of Parliament, and that vnder the penaltie thairin contained.

Tryall of the Brethren.

Tryall.—Publict proclamatioun being maid at the for yett of the College, requyring and charging all persones havand any thing to lay to the charge of the Brethren of the present Assëmblie, or any of thame, to compeir and object the same: None compeirand, the brethren wer removed be courtes, as followes.

The ministeris of the kirkis of Durris, Fordowne, Fetterresso, Kinnel, Eglisgreig, Fetterkairne, Edzell, Logie, Aberlemno, Kinnell, Rascobie, Inneraritie, removed for tryall. It wes only objected against the minister of Fetterkairne, that he makis not residens on mans and gleib. To the quibillk it wes answert, the Synodall Assëmblie, holdin at Arbroth in September last, having, for remedie of his non residens, being imployed many tymes in the affaires of the Kirk and Kings Majestie, provydit that

ane fellow labourer be planted at the said kirk, he hes obeyed the said ordinauns, and presented Mr. William Wihart, of quhome thei ar presentlie in tryall.

The ministeris of Nig, Arbuthnot, Dunnottar, Benholme, Conveth, Garvoek, Tannadeis, Forfar, Kinnettels, Glames, Killimure, Airlie, removed for tryall. It wes only objected that the minister of Forfar is not in possession of his gleib: Quhilk wes ordained to be designed to him *primo quoque tempore*. Item, the minister of Nig, resident in Aberdeen, ordained, at leift, to continow the kirk in possession of the gleib by labouring the fume.

The ministeris of Effie, Nevay, Newtyl, Ketins, Fowles, Forground, Manifuth, Inehbryok, Lownan, Innerkeilour, Arbroth, St. Vigean, Arbirlott, Idvie, removed. It wes only objected, that Arbroth wantis mans and gleib, being designed but not possessed. Ethie wantis ane gleib, quhilk is ordained to be designed. Rafeobie wantis two akeris of the gleib, quhilk is to be designed. Newtyl ordained to infitt for the proper mans and gleib.

The ministeris of Barrie, Mains, Liff, Muirhous, Rind, Kilspindie, Inshuir, Kynnaird, Perth, Luncardy, Methwen, Dunbug, Collace, Blair, removed for tryall. It wes found necessar, in respect of the sclandrons lyf of the Laird of Kilspindie and uther disfordouris, that the kirk of Kilspindie be visited *primo quoque tempore*. Sielyk that the kirk of Kinnowl be planted with diligens. Kynnaird wantis mans and gleib; my Lord Archbithop is to desyre, be letter, the Laird of Kynnaird to nominate one or two quhom he pleasis, to reafone with such of the ministrie as his Lordship fall appoynt, concerning the lawfulness of the designatione, that sa it may be in peace.

The ministeris of Forteviot, Dunbarnie, Creich, Monimeill, Colleslie, Ebdie, Carnoch, Dumfermling, Kirkaldie, Dyfert, Weymes, Cleith, Cambusnichael, Seoone, removed for tryall. It wes only objected, that the kirk of Seoone wantis mans and gleib.

The ministeris of Ffisk, Balmerinoch, Kilmenie, Logie, Ferrie Portuncraig, Leweharis, Saintandros, Forgownd, Cyres, Largo, Abererombie, Carnebie, removed. It wes only objected, that Carnebie wantis ane pairt of

the juft gleib, quhairanent the minifter declared, that he had perfewed according to his designatione, and ane interloquitor had paft againft him befor the Lordis. Lyk as, he wes refolved that he wold not prevaill in the actioun, quhilk he had left for that caus. Kinros and Ferrie wantis ane gleib, quhairwith ordour is to be takin at thair particuler vifitations.

The minifteris of Cupar, Dinninow, Kemback, Anstruther, Pittinweym, Carail, Qult, Lathreis, Forther, Auchtermuchtie, Markinch, Vruall, Auchterdiray, Ballingray, Falkland, Kingleffie, Bruntiland, Muckart, Torrie, removed. It wes only objected, that Vruall wantis ane perfyt gleib; quhilk is ordained to be designat at the vifitatione.

Gleibs.—It wes concludit, that all defectis in manfis and gleibis falbe takin ordour with at the vifitations.

Proceff, Awld College.—Item, That the Proceff of the Awld College fall, fra this tyme forth, be of the Exerceis of St. Androis.

Exerceis at Forfarr.—Item, It wes concludit that my Lord Archbifhop, at his going to Angus, to the vifitatione of the kirkes, fall found and erect ane Exerceis to be holdin in the burgh of Forfarr, for the eas and commoditie of the brethren next adjacent thairto, quho are not able to refort ane gryt fpace of the yair to the places quhairto heirtfoir thei have bein affricht; as alfo for reformatioun of that pairt of the countrey. This being alwayes without the demolifhing of the Exercifes already eftablifhed.

Books, Exerceis.—Item, It wes statute and ordained that the bookes of evrie Exerceis be produced at ilk Synode in tyme comming, to the end the proceff may be censured.

Expectantis.—The names of Expectantis within the boundis of this Synode, befyd thois quho wer alreadie giffen vp, ar theis, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Jhone Lawmounth; In Dumfermling, Mr. Jhone Burnet; Pearth, Mr. Alexander Balneves; Merns, Mr. Jhone Pigott, Mr. William Davidfon; Brechine, Mr. Thomas Ramfay.

Moderatouris.—My Lord Archbifhop nominate moderatoris of the Exercifes to the next Synode; for Meirns, Mr. Androw Ramfay; Megill, the Bifhop of Dunkeld, and in his abfens, Mr. Alexander Kinninmounth, the Bifhop of Brechine to moderate quhen he is prefent; Dundie, the Bifhop of Brechine, and in his abfens, Mr. Androw Clayhills; Arbroath, Mr.

Arthour Futhie; Pearth, the Bifhop of Dunkeld, and in his abfens, Mr. William Coupar; Dumfermling, Mr. Androw Frofter; Kirkaldie, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfoune; Coupar, Mr. Jhone Caldeleuch; and Saintandros, Mr. David Monypennie.

Next Synode.—The next Synode to be holdin in Arbroth the firft Tyfday of October.

Thankis giffen to God be the faid ryecht Reverend Father in God, and prayer earneftlie conceivd for continowans of his grace with his Kirk, our Kings Majeftie, the minifteris and all trew profeflouris: the Affembly diflolved in peace.

J. GUTHRIE, *minifter at Arbroth, clerk to the forfaid Synode.*

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF BARRIE, THE TENT DAY OF APRYLL 1611.

Tryell of Mr. Johne Gardyne.—The quhilk day, after invocatioun of Gods holy name, and doctrine delyverit be the faid ryecht Reverend Father, Mr. Jhone Gardine, minifter, wes removed, vpon quhom, after inquirye, it wes found be the brethren prefent and Seffionneris, that thair lyeth ane publi& and commoune fclander of fornicatioun with Elfpat Balfour, reli& of vmquhile Jhone Clerk; for tryall quhairof, feing the faid Elfpat hes bein the authour of the fame, it wes thoct meitt that fho be inquyred. Sho thairfor being called, compeired, and being demandit anent the parent of the bairne, and fpeciallie if the faid Mr. Jhone had carnall copulatione with her, denyed the fame. Compeired fielyk, James Balfour in Pam-bryd, brother to the faid Elfpat, conftantlie affirming, being inquyred, that his faid fifter had fwrne to him, that he had never to do with any man fince the deceis of her faid vmquhile houfband, exceptand Mr. Jhone Gardine. The fame wes deponed be Jhone Gray in Revinsbie. The faid Mr. Jhone being inquyred anent the fclander, if he had carnall deall with the faid Elfpat, denyed.

Forfamikle as it is opinlie reported in the countrey, that dyvers of the Seffionne have deall with the faid Elfpat for caufing her avow the bairne to belong to another, and deny that the faid Mr. Jhone had carnall deall with her, thairfor it wes concludit that the hail number prefent, alfwell

of the Ministerie as Seffionne, fall, vpon thair solemne oath, declair quhat thei know ether of the fact itselfe, or of any dealing betuix the parties for suppressing the veritie: quhilk being done, and no light gottin, Mr. Jhone wes ordained presentlie to purge him self be his oath. And becaus he refused to do the same, thairfor it wes statute and ordained, that if, vpon Fryday the nynteinth day of this instant, he present not him self befor the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth, and declair his resolutionne, and offer to purge him self be oath *conceptis verbis*, as is after sett downe, then as now, and now as then, he salbe suspensit from his ministrie.

Tenor Juramenti.—I, Mr. Jhone Gardine, minister at Barrie, sweir solemnlie befor God everlasting, and as I fall answer to my Saviour Jesus at the gryt day of Judgment, I declair by my gryt oath, that I had never carnall deall with Elspat Balfour, relict of vmquhile Jhone Clerk in Baskellie, at any tyme since the deceis of her said vmquhile husband befor this present hour: Sa faiff me God if I speik the veritie, and condemne me for ever if I conceill the truth, or speik ane lie.

Quhilk oath, if the said Mr. Jhone fall willinglie offer, then and in that cais, the moderator of the Exerceis of Arbroth is ordained, on the Saboth following, to pas to the kirk of Barrie, and after doctrine propoundit be him self in the foirnoone, to accept the oath in maner above specified, and thairvpon the said Mr. Jhone to be absolved; but failzeing of the said Mr. Jhone his offer, as is above expreimit, the decreitt of suspensionne to stand, as said is.

AT FORFAR THE 16 DAY OF APRYL 1611.

Plantationne of Dunlappie.—Mr. Georg Donaldsone, minister at Lochlie, admitted minister to the kirk of Dunlappie, being presented be Hepburn of Waughtounne, vndowted patrone of the said kirk.

Erectionne of Exerceis at Forfar.—The foirsaid day, according to ane ordinans and conclusiounne of the Dioecesian Synode, holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl lastbypast, the said ryght reverend father, with advys foirsaid, finding it verie necessar that ane Exerceis be had within the burgh of Forfar, aliweill for the eas of the brethren of the ministrie quho

ar not able convenientlie to repair to such places quhairto, in the tyme bygane, thei have bein astricted, as for reformatione of the pairtes of the countrey nereft adjacent, thairfor erected and foundit ane Exerceis, to meitt and assemble within the kirk of the said burgh of Forfar, to bruik, ioyis and exercee such priviledges as accordis with the actis of the Kirk, and as vtheris Exerceis within the countrey lawfullie injoy, in preaching and exponing the Word of God, exerceisng of discipline, *etc.*—consisting alwayes of the kirkes following, thei ar to say, Forfar, Dunnichtin, Radeobie, Inveraritie, Mathie, Aberlemnoth, Tannadiceis, Kellimuir, Cortoquhy, Glames, Kinnettells, Kirkbuddo, Idvie.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OFF PEARTH VPON THE 18 DAY OF
APRYL 1611.

Tryell, Mr. J. Malcolm.—Maister Jhone Malcolm, minister, found resident : to teach on the Saboth, his text Dan. ix. 4, 19, and Thurssday his text, : being removed, and was allowed. As also the pedell at the kirk durr requyring all and fundrie, according to the edict, quho had any thing to lay to his charge, to compeir and object the same : nane compeired.

Mr. W. Coupar.—Maister William Coupar, minister,¹ found resident : Item, to teach vpon the Saboth, his text Jerem. 8, and vpon Tyfsday, his text Apoc. 13. Being removed for tryall, was allowed of.

Seik.—Item, it was heavilie regraited be the ministeris, that no advertiment is maid to thame of diseas and sicknes of many within the congregatioun; concerning quhilk the actis wes condescendit vpon.

Na disobedientis found to discipline. The Saboth weill keiped. The Communionne celebrate ane yeir since.

Thair wes found no persones noncommunicantis nor excommunicate—no witches, nor dealeris with thame.

Poor.—Item, it was found that the poor ar provydit and caired for. Andro Grant and Williame Williamfone, maisteris of the Hospitall.

The kirk and fabrick thair of found to be in good caice, and thairin no ordinar buriall.

¹ Afterwards Bishop of Galloway.

Provisioun.—Mr. Jhone Malcolm¹ his provisioun is two hundreth fiks. and two chalderis aittes fourth of the Pryorie of Charterhous. Mr. William Coupar has of the Towne his provisioun, viz. ane hous, certane coalis, and fyv^e fiks. money.

Mans and Gleib.—Item, it wes found that thair is ane mans but no gleib. the neirast kirkland being allotted to the hospitallis and poor in thame. It is to be advyfed quhat fall be done heiranent.

Requisitiounes to sweir, etc.—Forfamikle as thair ar dyvers within this congregationne who have travellit in forraigne countreys, It is statute and ordained, that such as have not giffen confessioun of thair fayth, be requyred *primo quoque tempore* to give the same.

Contract.—It wes statute and ordained that heirafter all contractis of persons to be ioyned in mariage be maid publictlie in the Seffioun; the parties being first tryed vpon thair knowledg of the Lords Prayer, Beleiff, and Ten Commandis. And having promised to continow in the professioun of the truth, as it is presentlie in this country, to thair lyves end.

Mr. Al. Balnevis.—Mr. Alexander Balnevis² found to have miniftrd the sacrament of baptifine, being discharged thairfra, for the quhilk caus he wes gravelie rebuiked, and ordained nocht to meddle with the miniftratioun of baptifine till it pleis God he be admitted to the miniftrie.

19 Apryle 1611.—*Kinnowll.*—Mr. Ninian Drummond ordained minifter of Kinnowll, and investid with the mans and gleib of the said kirk, as thei ly on the west syd thairof.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF RASCOBIE VPON THE 21 APRILIS 1611.

Minifter.—After doctrine and invocatione of Godis holy name be the said rycht reverend father, Mr. Jhone Spalding, minifter, wes found to teach anis vpon the Sabboth; his text the Commandementis, precept 1.

¹ The author of a Commentary in Latin on the Acts of the Apostles, printed at Middleburgh, 4to. 1615.

² At this time he was Reader at Perth; and afterwards minister of Tippermoor?

and to catecheis in the afternoone. Being removed, was approved *in omnibus*. The Eldaris fielyke being removed, wer allowed.

Commiffioun.—It being regraited be thame that thei gett no payment of the penalties quhairin offenderis ar convi&th, They ar ordained with diligens to purchas ane Commiffioun, quhairin falbe the Minister, the Lairdis of Cars, Strickmartine, Turiugs, and William Gray of Pitheadlie; and that thei creat thair pedell thair Court officiar. And the perfons abovenamed fall, with thair Minister, have power to change and renew the Sessioune yeirly as thei fall find meitt.

P. Gwyld.—Patrick Gwyld difobedient to the discipline, being convi&th of breach of the Saboth be theiking ane hous, fummoned to this day, compeired, promifed obediens, as in publi&th satisfactioun, sa in payment of his penaltie, and diligent keiping the kirk in all tyme coming.

Saboth.—The Saboth in harvest is found to be [ill] kept: Ordinans aggreitt vpon for giffing ane day to the tennants,¹ Sielyk, that the milnes flay from grinding at any tyme on the Saboth, vnder the penaltie of the transgressour, ether in working in herveft, or grinding, of xx s.

Communionne, etc.—The Communionne celebrate in the moneth of Apryl last. No noncommunicantis or excommunicantis: no papiftes or thair refa&thteris: no witches, or confulteris with thame.

Scole.—It is found that thair Seole defertit at the terme of Mertimes last, and that for want of moyen: Quhairanent the commounne ordour wes condescendit vpon.

Buriall.—It wes statute and ordained that no les penaltie be exacted of such as fall burie any, or have buried any perfone within the kirk then ten fibs. and that no cautione be takin for payment thairof, but ether present payment, or ane pledg of sufficient avayl.²

¹ It appears to have been the custom for farm-labourers, under the designation of *cotters* or *tenants*, to receive from the proprietor or tacksman a portion of ground, in lieu of wages, which they cultivated for their own use. As their time was devoted to their masters during the week, Sunday was the only day they had for labouring it. The ordinance of the Synod was to prevent this breach of the Sabbath, by obtaining for them a week day (Saturday) for that purpose. See entry 2d Sept. 1611.

² The Assembly, at an early period after the Reformation, denounced the custom of interment within the church as a Romish superstition, and punished transgressors with heavy censures.

Kirk dykes.—It is statute that the kirk-yard dykes be bigged befor Lambes next, according to the A&t of Parliament, quhilk failzeing, that letteris be rayfed for compelling thame.

Gleib.—Anent the gleib designed perfytlie, and possessed only in part, the Minister is ordained to insist in the actionn alreidie intendit be him.

Registeris.—Item, thei ar ordained to have ane Seffioun buik, authentik and formall, and ane Register of the baptized, married and defunct.

Catechising.—Item, for cairfull keiping the tymes appoynted to evrie part of the parochine to come to be catechised, It is statute that ilk person absent fall pay 4 d.

Item, regraitt being maid concerning fervants, that thei ar often absent from the kirk and divine service, It is statute that the maisteris salbe countable to the Seffiounne for thame.

The kirk is ane kirk of the Archdeanrie of St. Androis, havand provydit thairto the vicariage, and fyve chalderis of victuall.

THE VISITATIONE OF THE KIRK OF FETTERCAIRNE, 24 APRIL, 1611.

Mr. William Wifhart was admitted minister.

Minister.—Mr. Alexander Forbes, person, found not resident, quhilk is supplied be the plantationne above specifiet, according to the ordinans of the Synode holdin in Aberbrothok in the moneth of September last-bypast. He teaches anis vpon the Saboth; his text Col. 1.

Mr. William Wifhart is ordained to teach the Gospell written be St. Luke from the beginning.

Milnes.—The Saboth declared to be weil keiped, except be the going of the milnes. They ar ordained to insist against the breakeris, and dilate such as obey nocht, to my Lord Archbishop, that thei may be punished be the High Commiffiounne.

In 1576, the question “quither if burials should be in the kirk or not?” was answered by the Assembly in the negative, “and that the contraveeners be suspendit from the benefis of the kirk, quhill they make publik repentance.” Mr. William Birnie, Minister of Lanark, published in 1606 an elaborate work condemnatory of the practice, under the title of “The Blame of Kirk-Buriall tending to persvade Cemeteriall Civilitie;” which was reprinted as a literary curiosity in 1833.

The communicioun celebrat 15 April 1610. No nonecommunicantis, or excommunicantis. Na papiftes.

Mr. Patrik Lyndefay.—It wes reported that Mr. Patrik Lyndefay, brother to the Laird of Vayne, quho is verie scandalous evrie maner of way, refortis oftentymes in this parochine, and in dyvers uther parochius neir adjacent. It wes thairfoir ordained, that the brethren of the miniftrie in quhat parochin foever thei fall find him, fall charge him vpon fyftein dayes to compeir befor the Lordis of the High Commiffioun, and fall immediatlie after the charge adverteis my Lord Archbifhop.

Witch.—Thair is fome motioun of anc man fufpect of witchcraft, in the tryall quhairof thei ar to infift.

Newdofk.—Item, forfamikle as the parochinars of Newdofk, not havand kirk or minifter, have bein and ar in vfe to repair to this kirk, and relave the benefites thairin of the Word and Sacramentis; thairfoir, it is ftatute and ordained that thei fall contribute with the parochinaris of Fetterearne for intertainment of the Scole and reparatioun of the Kirk. This alwayes not to preiudge thame from obtaining thair awin kirk to be bwyldit and provydit, at quhilk tyne thei falbe fried from contributing with the paroch of Fetterearne.

Poor.—The poor ar found to be intainted be ilk gentleman in his awin boundis.

The minifter ordained to give vp the names of adultereris.

Buriall.—Item, it is ftatute that thei exact no les penaltie of fuch as fall burie any perfone in the kirk then ten merkis.

The provifioun of the kirk is twelf feoir fibs. in perfonage, and fourtie fibs. the vicarage. He is inhibite to fett any tackis without confent and knowledg of my Lord Archbifhop. Thair is poffeffed only anc aiker and anc ruid of land; the reft is designed but not poffeffed, in refpect of the Laird of Lawringftowne his being in Ingland, of quhais land the fame muft be takin. The perfone ordainit with diligens to vrge poffeffioun.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF KILMAINIE THE SEVINT DAY OF
MAII 1611.

Minifter.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name be the

faid Reverend Father, Mr. James Thomfome wes found to teache on the Sabbath day befor none, and catechifis efter none. His text, the Epistle of St. James at the thrid chapter. Being removed is approvyn *in omnibus et per oram*. Syclyk the Eldëris and Deacones, being removed, wer allowed and approvyn.

Na Meatt fauld under pane of xx š.—That nane within the toun of Kilmanie fell meatt or drink on the Sabbath day, in tyme of preaching or catechifing, under pane of xx š.

Drunkards.—That ilk drunkard within the paroche pay vj š. viij d. ilk tyme that thai be fund drunken; and to mak thair publi& repentance.

Catechifing.—Absentis from the catechifing to pay as followis, viz. the cotter xij d.; the husband man or woman, or thair bernis or fervandis, to pay ij š.; and the gentlemen and wemen, and thair bernis and fervandis, to pay vj š. viij d.

Almes.—The collectioun of the almes at the kirk dore distributed according to the necessitie of the puire.

Witches, Papists, &c.—Na witches, nor consulteris with witches. Na papistes, nor resautteris of them.

Excommunicatis, Disobedients.—Na excommunicatts, nor noncommunicantis. Na dissobedientis.

Reffuitt of Screands.—That na cotter nor fervand, man or woman, be refaved nor admitted within the paroche without ane autentik testimo-niall of the minister of the paroche thai cum fra; and if thai be, the resfautteris to pay the fervandis fie or boll.

Buriall.—No buriall to be within the kirk, vnder pane of x lib.

Mans.—The Minister non resident for want of his Mans.

Stipend.—His present stipend and provisioun lxxxvij lib., and out of the xiiij lib.

Condition for Augmentatioun thair of.—Becaws *ipſa corpora* of the vicarage ar not tane vp for helping the ministeris stipend, It is ordenit, with consent of the faidis Maisteris of the Colledge present, and the parochinaris present, that ilk pleweh of the paroche fall pay yeirlie to the minister, 1 boll hair; for the quhilk caws the faid maisteris are content to give to ilk fesar or husbandman, that will crave and requyre, ane thrie or fyve yeiris

tak of thair teindis, containing ane claufe irritant, that incieice thair pay not the dewtie contenit in thair takis thankfullie and tymoultly, at the termes of payment thairin contenit, vfed and wont, the tak to be null. Sic as will not consent to the conditiones foirsaid, to have no takis, bot to be perfewit for spoliatioun, &c.

Vagabundis.—That no vagabundis, men or wemen, be reslait within the paroche, under pane of xx š.

Feyghters, Fornicators, Breakers of the Sabbaoth.—That ilk feyghter, fornicator, and prophaner of the Sabbaoth day, fall pay for ilk fault, xx š.

Byble.—The minister ordenit to caws the parochinaris bye ane new Byble, under the pane contenit in the act of the Affemblie, and that befor the nixt Affemblie.

Junij 30, 1611.—Mr. David Gudlatt admitted minister of Eglisfinachen.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF STRATHBROK¹ 1 JULY 1611.

Minister tryed.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name be the said rycht Reverend Father, the edict, with the executioun thairof for intimatioun of the said Visitatioun, wes exhibit. The Minister his text ordinar is the Gospell of Luke, the 2 chap. ; he teaches anis on the Sabbaoth, and sumtymes offer, as the people can be convenit. He is removed, and efter tryell had be the Archbischop, of the brethren of the ministrie and elderis, he is approvin in lyffe, doctrine, and conversatioun.

Commissioun.—The minister is ordenit to get ane commissioun for the convening of the parochinaris on the Sabbaoth befor none and efternone. In the commissioun ar to be insert my Lord Privie Seill, Mr. Johne Schairp of Houffoun, James Steward of Strabrok, and the minister himself.

Meystrelling and Futeball.—Meystrelling and futeball on the Sabbaoth day in the feildis expresse dischargeit, under the pane contenit in the actis of Parliament and Affemblie.

¹ Now called Uphall, in Linlithgowshire.

Na Excommunicattis, na Witches, na Difobedientis.—Na excommunicatts, na papiftis, nor noncommunicatts ; na witches nor confulteris ; na difobedientis.

Vifitacioun of the fick.—It is ordenit, than in ilk houfe quhair any fick perfoun is, the elder or deacone falbe advertifed thairof, and if he be not, the fick perfoun, or the maifter of the houfe, pay xx ſ. The elder or deacone being advertifed and refufing, or not advertifing the minifter, to pay fourtie ſhillings ; and the minifter being advertifed, and nocht vifiting the fick, to pay for the firſt iij lib. ; and gif he neglect the vifitacioun often, he falbe fufpendit fra his miniftrie.

Scoole.—It is ordenit with commoun confent, that the parochineris fall giwe among them all, for the maintenance of the Scoole and Scoolemaifter yeirlie, fyftie merkis, and the minifter fall giwe iiij lib.

Defkis.—The Gudeman of Vphall and James Rennald ar ordenit to remove thair defkis that ſtandis befor the Gudman of Houftons Ile.

Byble.—The minifter is ordenit to caws the parochineris bye ane new Byble, to be comoun in the kirk, under the paine.

Buriall.—Buriall difchargeit in the kirk, vnder the pane of xl lib., by and attour the panes contentit in the actis of the Affemblic.

The minifter is ordenit to have ane famous register for baptifme, marriage, and the names of the defunctis, with ane gude Seffioun buik.

Alyentis fra Seffioun.—Ilk elder or deacone that falbe fund abſent fra the Seffioun, to pay vj ſ viij d. ; and thai that refuſis to pay, to be chargeit for xij ſ iiij d., as penaltie of thair difobediens.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF LYNLYTHGOW. VPONE THE THIRID JULY 1611.

Tryal of the Minifter, Text.—Efter doctrine and invocacioun of Godis holy name, be the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, the edict, with the executionis thairof for intimacioun of this preſent vifitacioun, was produceit. Patrick Kenloquhy,¹ auld minifter, is fund to teach none for his age and infirmite. Mr. Robert Cornewall teachis thryfe in the weik ; his text is in the viij

¹ Mr. Patrick Kenloquhy was one of our earlieſt Reformers, having been appointed to the miniſtry of Linlithgow, in 1560.

chapter to the Romans. He is removed. Efter tryell tane of his lyffe and doctryne, he is approuen of all the parochineris present, and of the brethrene.

Communion, Excommunicattis, Papists.—The communion ministred twyfe in the yeir. Na excommunicattis, na noncommunicantis, nor papists, except my Lady Lynlythgow.

Witches, etc.—Na disobedientis; na witches, nor confulteris.

Baptisme.—Baptisme ministred ordinarily on Tyfday, and as occasioun offers at uther dyetts of doctryne and exercise.

Gleib.—The minister, Mr. Robert Cornewall, is ordenit to persue for the gleib vpon the designatioun maid thairof.

Fabrick.—The fabrick of the Kirk at gude point, and the kirk-yaird deykis weill intertenit. Buriallis in the Kirk dischargeit vnder the panes following; viz. pair folk x lib., vtheris of honest rank to pay xx lib.; and gentlemen or wemen to pay xl lib.

Buriall.—And becaus findrie alledgeis infestmentis of buriall, It is ordenit that thai fall produce the same at the next Assemblie, vtherwayes not to be permitted thairefter: and the licences grantit be the Sessioun of the kirk for buriall heirtofor, ar presently dischargeit expresse; and sic as hes infestmentis, or hes bought their buriallis, or yit helpis the intertenment and vphald of the kirk, ar permitted and licenced to keip their ryechts of buriall, till forder ordour be tane thairanent.

Scoole.—The Scoole interteined, the maister thairof presently tryed and approvin, viz. Mr. Robert Thomfone.

Complaint for the Sabbath prophaning.—It is ordenit, that a complaint and supplication be gevin in to the Synod, for profanation of the Sabbath be the passengeris and cadgeris of Glasgow and Lynlythgow, for sum gude ordour to be tane for remeid heirof.

Bylle.—The kirk hes ane new common Byble and Psalme buik.

Viccarage.—The minister, Mr. Robert Cornewall, is viccar of the parochin of Lynlythgow, and is dischargeit to sett any takis of the viccarage, without consent of his ordinar the said Archbishop.

Stipend.—The kirk of Lynlythgow is ane annexed kirk of the Pryorie of St. Androis. Mr. Robert Cornewall his provisioun of stipend presently.

is jc xl fib. with ten bollis quheit. ane chalder fourteine bollis bair, twa chalder iiij bollis aittes, fevintine bollis meill, presently poffest : and ten bollis meill fufpendit during my Lord of Scone his lyftyme.

Seffion.—The elderis or deacones that falbe fund abfent from the Seffion of the kirk, without lawfull excufe or licence grantit, to pay for the firft tyme vj ſ. viij d. and for the fecund tyme xij ſ. iiij d.

Elderis.—The names of the elderis and deacones prefently chofin to be vpone the Seffion. My Lord Erle of Lynlythgow, Robert Steward proveit. George Cornewall bailie, Robert Mairtein bailie, Andro Mill younger bailie, Andro Bell bailie, Captane William Craford, Alexander Mure, Gilbert Mure, Andro Mill elder, George Bell, Patrik Gibbieſone, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Edvart, Andro Hunter, David Baderſtone elder, Johne Adamſone, James Wach elder, James Glen and Johne Duncane : Thir for the Toun. For the landwart, Sir Johne Bruce of Kynkavell, Alexander Hamyltoun of Bynnie, Mr. Peter Kenloquhy of Kenneftoun, William Hairt of Rickartoun, Philip Quhytheid and Patrik Keir.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF SLAMMANANE-MURE, 3 JULII 1611.

Minifter tryed.—Mr. Thomas Ambros, miniſter, is asked anent his text, quhilk is on the Gofpell of Matthew. He teachis in Vinter ains in the weik. viz. on Sondag befoir none : and in Sommer he teachis befoirnone, and catechifis efternone, on the Sabbaoth day. He is removed, and efter tryell, he is approvin in his doctrine ; bot is fund ſum quhat ſlandrous in his behaviour, be giſſing ill exampill throwhalding of hoſtelrie, and thairfor is diſchargeit to uſe the ſame any moir heirefter.

Commiſſion.—The miniſter ordenit to get ane Commiſſion for puneiſch-ing of malefactouris, as licentious livars, drunkards, prophaneris of the Sabbaoth, and vtheris, in common forme ; himſelf, and any twa honeſt men of the parochie of beſt judgment, and greiteſt credit and auctoritie, to be infert thairin.

Witches, Excommunicattis. Papiftis.—Na witches, nor conſulteris ; na diſſobedientis ; na papiftis ; na excommunicattis ; bot thair is ane vnder proces, Alexander Ramſay, for diſſobedience. Na noncommunicantis.

Gleib and Mans, Fabrick.—The gleib and mans poßest be the minifter. The fabrick of the kirk and kirk-yaird deikis in gude caice.

Licences for Buriall.—Na buriall to be in the kirk, vnder pane of xx lib. Na licences to be granted for buriall, bot be the advyfe of the minifter and the Seßioun.

Regifter.—The minifter to have a formall regifter for baptifme, mariage, and the names of the defunctis; and to have a formall Seßioun buik.

Scoole.—Na Scoole for want of moyen.

Bill of the Parochinaris of Morenfyd.—Ane fupplicatioun giffin in be the parochinaris of Morenfyd, complaining vpone Mr. Patrik Monypenny, minifter at Levingftoun, for leving the faid kirk of Morenfyd, and yit takand vp the ftipend of that kirk as of the kirk of Levingftoun, and that thai had menit themfelffis oft to the Prefbiterie of Lynlythgow: quhairunto the faid Mr. Patrik, anſwering, faid, that he culd not ferve at that kirk, haveing no ftipend, as was thair verified be the minifteris of the faid Prefbiterie of Lynlythgow then prefent, and that he had deburfit dyvers gryt fowmes of money for proeuring a ftipend and provifioun to the faid kirk, and yit culd not obtain it. And thairfoir the faid Reverend Father, with advyfe of the remanent brethren of the faid vifitatioun, decernit and ordenit the parochinaris of Morenfyde to pay, for ilk pund land within the faid parochine, xl ſ. to be gevin to the faid Mr. Patrik for his kyndnes of the faid kirk, and in recompence of the fowmes of money deburfit be him in maner foirfaid.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF DUNS, THE TENT DAY OF JULIE 1611.

Act of the Synod producit for plantatio nouæ ecclefie de Birkinfyd et eiusdem erectio.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis name, the faid Reverend Father, with the reft aboue urettin, haveing producit the act of the laft Synod concerning the planting of this kirk with ane Secund minifter, in refpect of the inhabilitie and auld aige of Mr. Patrik Gait, prefent minifter at this kirk, contening ane fpeciall commiffioun direct to certane Commiffioneris from the Synod appointit to deall for a provifioun to ane Secund minifter, to wit, to Mr. David Home, and Mr. William Methwen:

they declairit, that thai gat the concurrence of the maist part of the parochie yeilding thair consent to help with thair moyen the provisioun for a secund minister; the Lairdis of Wedderburne and Blacketar hed not giffin thair consent.

The Chapell of Birkinfyde ordenit, with commoun consent, to be erected in a parochie kirk, and for this effect to have annexit to it the landis of Birkinfyde, Oxanden, Cauldfyd, Peilheuch, Parkheid, Parkhouse, Knock, Keidghill, Keidscheillhauch, Kideleuch, Holcinrig, Burnehouffe, Boghill, Wynscheillis, Eifter and Middil Wynscheillis, the Laird of Cockburnes hail landis, with the pertinentis, extending to xx landis, togidder with Barrowmill, pertaining to the Laird of Aitoun.

The landis annexit to the said kirk, and appointit to contributt for the bigging thair of, ar Burnehouffis, extending to twell husband landis, Cockburne, twentie husband landis, Eifter and Middil Winscheills, sex husband landis. The Laird of Aitoun to pay at his awin plefouir.

William Sincleir, minister, and Thomas Lamb, appointit collectouris of the said contributioun, and oversiers of the work.

Mr. George Ridpath, minister, protestit that, in this erectioun, na prejudice fuld be done to the Laird of Ormestoun.

The said Reverend Father takis vpon him to get the said erectioun past in all the formalities thair of as accordis.

Stipend.—For the provisioun of the said kirk to be erected, Mr. Patrik Gait, minister at Duns, is content to dimitt the vicarage of the kirk of Duns hallelie in favouris of the minister to be planted at the said kirk of Birkinfyd. The Laird of Aitoun is content to give according to the number of husband landis, ilk husband land xx s.; the ane half thair of to be payit be the heretour, and the vther half be the takis men, or thais that hes the teind bollis of the saidis plewis. The remanent gentlemen, to be annexit to the said kirk, consentis to pay siclyk, ilkane for thair awin part, and this provisioun only to stand and indure during the lyf tyme of the said Mr. Patrik Gait, minister.

Innerkething, the penult Julij 1611,—Mr. Robert Roch admitted minister at Innerkething.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF FALKLAND, 9 AUGUST 1611.

Tryell.—After doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holic name be the said ryeht Reverend Father, Mr. James Piteairne, minifter at the said kirk, is fund to teache twyse on the Sabbaoth day, but not on the weik dayes. He is removed, tryed, and is approvin be the hail Seffioun of that kirk. Elderis and deacones also approvin.

Teaching, Baptisme, Mariage.—He is ordenit to teach on Sunday befor none, and catechise efter none; and to teach on Tyfday, minifter baptisme, mariage, the said day. The Seffioun ordenit to sitt on Tyfday of the doctrine.

Scoole.—The Scoole weill intertenied: the maister thairof, Mr. David Balvaird. He is tryed be the said ryeht Reverend Father, and reslaves approbatioun be the hail brethren of the ministrie, and be elderis and deacones of the paroche.

Registeris.—The minifter ordenit to have a formall Seffioun buik, quhairin salbe the collectioun of the almes, with the distributioun thairof. Item, ane vther sufficient register for baptisme, mariage, and the names of the defunctis.

Papistis, etc.—Na Papistis. na excommunicattis, na witches nor consulteris.

Buriall.—Buriall within the kirk dischargeit; and a purpois among the parochineris for hying somuch ground without the toun as may serve for buriall.

Byble.—The minifter ordenit to have a common Byble for the kirk, vnder pane of vj lib., as the Act of the Assëmblye beris.

Transporting of the Exereise from Coupar to Falkland.—The Kingis Majesties will, declared by his Majesties letter, send to the said ryeht Reverend Father, anent the transporting of the Exereise fra Coupar to Falkland, and the divising thairof, to be at the said ryeht Reverend Fatheris discretion, appointing sum to go to Sanct Androis as of old, the rest to meit weikly at Falkland, and the meiting at Coupar from this tyme furth to ceas. The brethren not consenting thairto; bot craved a supplication to be send to his Majestie, for continowing the meiting at

Coupar, for findry gude cawflis and confiderationis, namelie, that Falkland in winter, or efter greit weittis in fommer, is not aceeffibill. The faid Reverend Father promeis to wreit to his Majeftie, and to move the Synod to hald at Perth the fyft of September, to fend with his letter thair fuppliatioun to his Majeftie, to the effect foirfaid. In the mein tyme, to fatiffie his Majefties defir, thai ar ordenit to conveyn at Falkland, the hail brethreine of the Exercife of Couper, till the Affemblic, and thairefter till his Majefties anfwer be returned thairanent; quhairwith thai acquies: And fo thankes gevin to God, the meiting is diffolved.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF THE FERRIE OF PORTONCRAIG.
13 AUGUST 1611.

Tryell.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name, maid be the faid rycht Reverend Father, Mr. James Jarden, minifter, being asked. How oft he teachid in the weik? anwerit, anis on the Sabbaoth befor none, and was willing to teach efternone, bot culd not get the people to conveyn, quhilk he regraitid. He is removed and tryed, reffaveis approbatioun both of the miniftrie and of the elderis and deacones.

The minifter appointit to teach on Sunday befor none, to catechife efter none, and to teach on Tyfday.

Na Papiftis, na Witches.—Na Papiftis, na excommunicattis, na difobedients, na noncommunicantis, na witches, nor confulteris.

Vicarage, Stipend, Augmentatioun.—The minifter ordenit to tak vp *ipfa corpora* of the vicarage. The minifteris provifioun of flipend prefently is xl bollis victuall; and the parochineris, with aue confent, agries to ane augmentatioun of ane hundreth pund to be payit to him yeirlie, fo lang as he remains at that kirk vntraufported. The Toun to be bund for payment of fourfeor pundis, and the Landwart for xx lib. The tonnes pairt to be payit be James and Henrie Paterfones, David and Jolme Kayes, Thomas Ramfay and Mr. James Durie, in name of the reft, and to be bund to the minifter thairfoir; thai gettand thair releiff fra the reft. Peter Hay of Mortoun ordenit to contribute for augmenting the minifteris flipend as a parochiner.

Schoole.—Na scoolemaifter for laik of moyen among the townes men ; bot thai ar appointit to have ane.

Mans, Gleib.—The minifteris mans ordenit to be biggit. The minifter to aggrie for bigging thairrof, and the parochie to pay twa hundreth merkis for helping to big the fame. The ften thairrof to be fett down be the honeft men of the toun, and fun of the landwart. The tounie to pay the twa pairt, and the landwart the thrid. The Erle of Kinghorne to be dealt with to contribute thairto, and the Gudman of Bawgownie. The minifter hes his hail gleib in poffeffioun.

Profanation of the Sabbaoth.—Breakeris or prophaneris of the Sabbaoth to pay, drunkardis and vther licentious livaris to pay, xx š.

Clerk and Beddell of the kirk, thair jeverall duties to be payit.—It is ordenit, that the clerk of the Seffion of the kirk, fall have of ilk mariage x š., and the beddell of the kirk ij š. iiij d.; and of ilk berne baptized, the clerk fall have v š., and the beddell xx d. Of ilk fornicatour, or vtheris that makis publiēt repentance, falbe exaēt iiij š., to be equallie divydit betwix the clerk and the beddell: and of ilk buriall, the beddell fall have vj š. viij d., and the clerk ij š. iiij d.

Millis.—It is ordenit, that na millis gaug vpone the Sabbaoth day, fra ſone to ſone, vnder pane of xx š., and the parties tranfgreffing to mak thair publiēt repentance.

Ferrieboatis.—Item, that na boattis cors the Ferrie on the Sabbaoth day, fra nyne houris befor none, till the efternoonis doctrine be endit, vnder the pane of xx š., and thai that dois in the contrair to be wardit, thairefter to mak thair publiēt repentance; and the magiftratis of the toun to appoint overſeeris for this effect, to nott the tranfgreffouris of the ſaid aēt.

Byble.—The minifter ordenit to bye ane commonn Byble to ſerve in the kirk, vpone the commonn charges, vnder the pane contenit in the Act of the Affemblic, viz. vj lib.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF FORGOUND, 14 AUGUST 1611.

Text, Tryell.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holie name maid

be the said rycht Reverend Father, the minister, Maister Simeon Durie, is askit be the said Archbischop anent his ordinar text, quhilk is the xxviiij chapter of Genesis; he teachis only anis in the weik, on Sondag befor none, and is ordenit to teach on Sondag befor none, and efter none to catechise the people, quho ar appointit to be devydit in quarteris. Ilk Sabbaoth fã many to conveyn and be catechised as the minister may overtak. The minister is removed and tryed, and reffavis ane approbatioun of all, both ministeris, and elderis and deacones, in his lyffe, doctrine, and behaviour.

Sabbaoth.—Breakers of the Sabbaoth day to pay xx s. : and gif the fervandis break the Sabbaoth be thair maisteris occasioun and imployment, the maister to pay xx s., and the fervand exemit.

Papists, Witches.—Na Papistis, nor excommunicattis, nor refaitteris of tham; na witches, nor consulteris with them.

Mans, Gleib, Stipend, Vicarage.—The minister resident at his mans; he hes present possellioun of his gleib. His stipend is vj chalderis victuall. He is vickar, and is ordenit to tak vp *ipsa corpora*; or ellis to augment the rentall thairof be the advyse of the ordinar and consent of his chaptour, be setting of takis fra thrie yeiris to thrie yeiris, and not langer.

Buriall.—Buriall discharget within the kirk vnder pane of xl lib. Bot only such as have ane ile of thair awin, the gentilmen, in caice thai burie, fall pay xl lib.; the meaner fort, as husband men that ar nocht worth, to pay x lib., or mair, at the discretioun of the Sessioun.

Pure, Skoole.—The pair sufficiently provydit for. The Skoole interteined; and for the better provisioun of it, thair is ordaned that ilk plench in the paroeche fall pay to the skoolemaister xiiij s. iij d.; and ilk berne of the paroeche fall pay vi s. viij d. in the quarter; frangeris that ar of ane vther paroeche fall pay xx or xxx s. as the maister can procuir it, as it is agried in vther congregationis.

Peter Hay.—Peter Hay of Mortoun acknowledgit a parochiner of the Ferrie, and not of this kirk of Forgound. Bot for his aige he is permitted to resort to this kirk for his eas, and reffavis the benefittis of the Kirk thair.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF KENNOQUHY, 20 AUGUST 1611.

Mr. James Symfoun admitted minifter of Kennoquhy.

Saboth.—It being reported, that this laft Sabboth certane perfons wer theiring thair cornes, it is ordained that tryall [be taken] quho thei wer, and that thei be contermitt befor the Seffionne the next Saboth, and punifhed according to the ordour.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF EBDIE, HOLDIN AT NEWBURGH
2 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Efter invocatioun of Godis holy name and do&trine, Mr. Jhone Caldeuch, minifter, is found to teach in the kirk of Ebdie anes vpon the Sabboth in winter, and twys in fommer. He is appoynted to tak to him ane ordinar text; and ordained that ilk Saboth after noon ane portiounne of the people falbe catechifed ether in the kirk of Ebdie or Newburgh, as the Seffionne fall find meitt, and as the people may moft commodiouflic refort; and for this effect thei ar ordenit to devyd the parochine in convenient portions. The minifter removed, wes allowed in do&trine; but it wes regraitted, that he did not kyth him felfe forward and zealous in cenfuring and punifhing offenders; quhilk being for want of ane commiffionne, they ar ordained with all diligens to purchais ane commiffionne to the minifter, the Guidmen of Denmuir, Woodmilne, and Denmilne, the bailyes of Newburgh, and James Leflie.

Saboth.—The Sabboth day keiped be giffing the Satterday to the tenants, except in my Lord of Rothies his boundis; quhilk James Leflie, overfier of my Lordis turnes in theis boundis, promifed to fie amendit.

Na noncommunicantis. Alexander Philp excommunicat for the slaughter of Durie. Na diffobedintis to difcipline. Na Papiftes, or refettars.

The kirk of Ebdie reported to be in good caice. It wes regraitted that the towne of Newburgh, containing four hundreth communicantis or thairby, is fa far diftant from thair parochie kirk that thei can not, without grypt difficultie, refort thairto, and in winter it is altogether impoffible: Mair-

over, the inhabitantis declared thamselfis willing to bestow and contribute for the sustentatione of ane minifter according to thair power. The work wes thoecht verie guid, if thair may be ane fetled miniftrie at thair awin kirk within the towne of Newburgh. But, in respect of my Lord of Lundores his minoritie, feing no present dealing may be had, it is continowed to be alwayes remembritt quhen occasioun salbe offred.

Scole.—It is found that thei have ane commoune seole, tawght be Mr. James Leslie, seolmaifter, quho past his cours of philosophie in St. Salvatouris Colleg in St. Androis. Being removed, wes allowed. His stipend is payed as followes, viz. be the tounne of Newburgh xl fisis., be the minifter xx merkis, by my Lord of Lundores xx merkis. It is ordanit that ilk plewch of the parochine fall pay xij š. iiij d. yeirlie to the seolmaifter, according to the commoune ordour: quhilk the gentilmen and parochinaris present promised thankfullie to do for thair awin pairtis; and lykwayes the bailies of Newburgh promised thankfull payment, alfeweil of byganis as in all tyme cuming.

Kirkdykes.—Item, thei ar ordained to big thair kirkdykes according to the A&t of Parliament.¹

Milnes.—Item, the minifter is ordained ilk Saboth to tak exact tryall if any milnes gang thairon, and to conveyn the transgressouris befor thair commissiouneris, and to convict thame in 20 š. penaltie.

Provisioun.—The minifter posselles mans and gleib, and is resident thairvpon. And hes for provisiounne, 10 bollis 2 firlottis quheit, 24 bollis beir, 15 bollis 2 firlottis meill, and 38 merkis money, and that out of the thrids of Lundoris, the vicariage being erected.

Regifter.—The minifter is censured and rebuked becaus he hes nocht ane regifter of the defunctis, and is ordanit to have ane with all formalities.

Byble.—They ar ordained to buy ane common byble. Item, to gather the almes for the poor in the tyme that thei sing the psalme.

¹ It was ordained by James 6, parl. 21, chap. 1. "That the parochiners repair the kirk-yard dykes with stone and mortar to the height of two ells, with sufficient stiles and entries: and that the Lords of Session direct letters hereupon as officers."

THE DIOCESIAN SYNODE OF ST. ANDROIS, BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN AT PERTH IN THE WEST KIRK THAIROF, VPON THE THRID AND FOURTH DAYES OF SEPTEMBER 1611, CONVOCATED AND MODERATED BE THE RYCHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORG ARCH-BISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Sessio Prima.

Absentis, Mr. James Martine, minifter at Qult, Mr. David Monypennie, minifter at Kembak, Mr. Jhone Fairfull, minifter at Anfruther, and Mr. William Watfone, minifter at Burntiland.

Sessio 2^a.

Fotheringham et Williamfone.—Auent thois things that wes committed to my Lord Archbishop to do, be the Synode holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laft bypast, his Lordship reportes, that having appoynted ane meiting betwix the Tutour of Powrie and Mr. Williamfone, at the kirk of Barrie, thai wer aggreitt, and all controverfies depending betwix thame fubmitted to freindis chofin be thame.

Ogilvies.—Item, that Sir Jhone Ogilvie had, in the kirk of St. Androis, folemnlie fatiffet for his apostacie, and wes absolved from excommunication: as also, that the said Sir Jhone, and Georg Ogilvie, his brother, had, vpon the day of the said Sir Jhone his abfolutionne, communicate in the foirsaid kirk.

Act Baptizme, Marriage, Communion.—Forfamikle as dyvers perfons, getting the benefites of the Kirk at the handis of vtheris than thair awin minifteris, tak thairby occasiounne to illude the Kirk difcipline thairof, the Act of the Generall Affemble, inhibiting all minifteris to ministrat baptifme, or the Lordis Supper, or to ioyne in mariage any perfons quho ar not of thair awin parochine, and that vnder the pane of fufpenfionne from the miniftrie to the wilfull offendar, wes intimate and eftablifhed. This inhibitiounne alwayes to concerne fuch as have not delyverit fufficient testi-

moniall from the minifter of the parochine quhair thei dwell, to the minifter from quhom thei crave the benefites foirfaidis. Lyk as it wes declared, that the perfon wilfullie abfenting him felf from the communione celebrate in his awin parochie kirk, althocht he communicate in another kirk, falbe reput ane non communicant, and punifhed accordnglie.

Noncommunicantis.—And for exact tryall of all noncommunicantis within the boundis of this Synode, the haill brethren, with vpholdin handis, maid fayth that thei fall particularlie gif in ticket the morne fuch as have not communicate with thame the laft tyme of the celebratioune thairof, and that not onlie of fuch as do continowallie mak refidens, as of thame alfo quho at certane tymes remaine in thair parochines.

Act for keeping Synode.—For better keeping of the Affemblies, It wes ftatute and ordained, that the abfentis from this prefent Affembly, or any Affembly in tym comming, fall pay for the firft fawlt ten lib., for the fecond xx lib., and vpon the thrid to be fufpendit to the next Synode from thair miniftrie. And in cais the delinquent refus to mak payment, the Moderator, or vther havand power, wes ordained to fufpend him, as faid is.

Act obediens to Statutes.—Item, forfamikle as lawes without obediens ar off no force or effect, and frequent experiens has declared that throgh the negligens to performe fuch things as ar injoyned in the Synodes, many difordouris ar continowed, Thairfoir it is ftatute and ordained, that quhofoever falbe found to failzie in obediens of any thing that is injoyned in this Synode, or falbe in the Synodes heirafter, fall pay *toties quoties* ten merkis money.

Commone-head.—Item, It is ftatute and ordained, that the commone headis of doctrine be intreated in ilk Exerceis monethlie, and difputtis be had thairvpon; the failzier heirin to pay 30 s.; and the buikes of Exerceis to be exhibite at ilk Affembly, to heir report of the commone heid, kept, as faid is.

Mans of Mr. Simeon Durie.—Ancient the fupplicatione giffin in be Mr. Simeon Durie, minifter at Forgound, craving that forfamikle as, be directione of the laitt Synode holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laft bypaft, he, having fubmitted him felf to certane brethren, had be thair

decreitt bein maid to pay to Mr. David Lyndefay, his predeceffour, twa hundreth markis, in contentatioune of the expenffis beftowed be the faid Mr. David vpon the mans of the fairfaid kirk; thairfoir ane ordinaus may be maid be the Synode for refoundinge the fame be his fuccelfour. The Affemblic found his petitione reafonable, and ordained, that he quho fall fucced to him in the miniftrie of the faid kirk, fall, for the caus above expremitt, refound to him, or his executouris, the fowme of twa hundreth merkis, as faid is.

Petitio Manfis.—Forfamikle as gryt loffis comes to the intrant minifteris through the payment of fowmes for the manfis, quhilk fill remaine for the ufe of the parochine, It is thocht meitt, that at the firft Parliament ane fuitt be maid for ane A& to be granted, that the parochineris may bigg the manfes to thair kirkes, quhair as yet thei ar not bigget, and refound the expenffis beftowed on fuch as ar bigget already.

Vniformitie of Difcipline.—Item, for fetting downe ane vniformitie of difcipline, It wes thoct meitt, that my Lord Archbifhop fall caus fyve brethren, of that pairt of the faid dioeie quhilk lyeth befowth Forth, convein with Mrs. Androw Clayhills, William Coupur, Patrik Lyndefay, Henrie Philp, and Jhone Mitchelfone, and the Rector of the Vniverfite of St. Andois, quho ar nominate be this Affemblic, at fuch tyme and place as his Lordfhip fall think convenient; And be thair commoun laboures condifcend vpon ane Ordour of Difcipline, quhilk may thairafter be flawin to the Diocefan Synodes of St. Andois benorth and befowth Forth refpectivè; And fa fra thame the fame may be prefented to ane Provinciall or Generall Affemblic; quho, approving and allowing it, may prefent and recommend the fame to the Kings Majeftie, that his Hienes authoritie may be interponed for obfervatioune thairof in all tyme coming.

Papiftes.—Item, for difcovering the practifes of Papiftes, and confultatione vpon remedies thairfoir, It wes thocht meitt that with my Lord Archbifhop fall convein the Bifhops of Dunkeld and Dumblaine, the Minifteris of Perth, Mr. Alexander Kymminmounth, Mr. Henrie Duncane, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrik Lyndefay, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfone, Mr. William Buchannane, and Mr. William Murray. The tyme and place of thair meiting to be two after noone in the next day in the reveftrie.

Erroll.—Item, the Synode having fair knowledg that nochtwithstanding the Earle of Erroll lyes vnder the fearfull sentens of excommunicatione. in regard quhair of all zealous and trew Christians oucht to withdraw thamefelfis from haunting his companie, or having followship with him. yet thair ar dyvers quho resort to him at all occasiouns; Heirfoir it is statute and ordained, that if any persone fall heirafter repair to the said Earle, (exceptand he first mak the minister quhair his Lordship remains acquaint thairwith,) in that caise the persone delinquent salbe charged be the minister to mak his publi& repentans for the offens foirsaid. And in caise of obstinaice and disobediens of the offender to satisfie, as said is. the minister is ordained to proceed againt him to the sentens of excommunicatione. Sielyk, the ministeris of Perth ar ordained to dilate such within the said burgh as have offendit by resorting, as said is, that thei may be charged to compeir befor the Lordis of the High Commiffiounne to fitt the next day. Sielyk, the ordour above expremitt is appoynted to be keipit with all such as commounlie resort to vther persones excommunicate.

Edzell excommunicate.—And speciallie, it being reported that dyvers of the ministrie frequent the companie of the Laird of Edzell, excommunicate, It wes thocht meitt that advertisment be maid to my Lord Bishop of Brechin heirof, that his Lordship may tak ordour with such of his awin diocie as have failed, and tak tryall of thois that ar of the diocies of St. Androis and Dunkeld, that thei may be condignelie censured.

Lord Gray.—Andrew Lord Gray, summoned be commandement of the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie, callit and not compeirand, excuses himself be the deceis of his vmquhile Father, quho deceissit yesternicht:¹ and be his letter promised to satisfie the Kirk be his oath and subseriptionne to the Confessiounne of Fayth, quhen and quhair he salbe required. It is appoynted, that my Lord Archbishop fall, *primo quoque tempore*, caus him performe the sam, and Mr. Robert Rind, Mr. Andrew Myrtounne, and Mr. Jhone Duncane, to assist his Lordship thairin.

Non Communicantis.—Item, the brethren of the Ministrie present, ac-

¹ This detects an error in *Douglas's Peerage*, where Patrick, seventh Lord Gray, is said to have died in 1612.

cording to thair oathes maid in the former Seffioune, gaif in thair particular tickets of such as have not communicate in thair awin paroeche kirkis, *hac rice*; quhilkis wes ordained to be collectet in ane generall catalogue be the Clerk, and delyverit to my Lord Archbishop, that thei may be charged befor the Lordis of the High Commiffiounne, and punished for thair offens.

Mr. Jhone Gardyne.—Item, my Lord Archbishop reported, that for tryall of the felander of fornicatiounne alledgit committed be Mr. Jhone Gardine, minister at Barrie, with Elspat Balfour thair, according to the ordinance of the Synode, holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl last bypast, his Lordship had vifited the said kirk, quhair finding no manifest probatiounne of the fact foirsaid, but ane constant and open bruit, and the said Mr. Jhone refusing to purge him self by his oath of the cryme above expremitt, his Lordship had, be the advys of the brethren present at the visitatiounne, suspendit the said Mr. Jhone from his ministrie till this present Synode, to the quhilk also his Lordship had caused summond him to heir and sie the determinatiounne judiciall of the said Synode. And lielyk, reported that the said Mr. Jhone, in consideratiounne that the felander foirsaid being sa publict, and that amongis his awin flock, will weaken his ministrie, that he can nocht discharge the same in that congregatiounne to thair edificatiounne, thairfoir had dimitted the ministrie of the said kirk, and had delyverit to his Lordship ane dimissioune subferyved be his hand. Quhilk dimissioune being red and confiderit, the Synode declared the kirk vacant, and ordained the same to be planted *primo quoque tempore* in the persone of another.

Habites.—Anent the resorting of the brethren to thair ordinar meittings in the Exerceis and Synodall Assemblie, in blak gownes and vther abuylze-ment, preseryved in the Act of Parliament, The brethren of the ministrie having faillized herein, excusid thame selfis be reafone the actis of the last Synode wer not delyverit to thame, be occasiounne of the sicknes and diseas of the clerk. Quhairfoir it is statute and ordained, that heirafter, all excus sett asyde, the former ordinance be observed, and the contraveineris be punished.¹

¹ The ordinary dress of the Clergy was regulated by Parliament in 1609;—"Considering

Kirk dykes.—Item, it is statute that evrie brother fall vrge the reparatioun of the kirk-yaird dykes, according to the A&t of Parliament, and produce thair diligens at the Synode foirfaid.

Bibles.—The brethren, particularlie in thair tryell, being enquiryed, reported that according to the ordinans of Synode immediatelie preceeding, thei had dealt with thair parochinaris for causing thame buy ane commonne Byble for ilk kirk. In the quhilk thei wer ordained to infist, as thei falbe redy to report thair diligens vpon thair consciens the next Synode.

Pluralitie of Kirkes.—Item, the Synode appoynted and concludit, that regard falbe had of the pluralitie of kirkes; that quhairas (prayed be God) thair ar findries quhom God had indewit with good graces, and preparit and inabled for the ministrie, and yet ar nocht employed, the way be not stopp'd to thame to enter into the holy ministrie, be continowing one man in the service of moe kirkes, quhilk may commodiouflie be severed.

Exerceis, Coupar.—Item, it wes appoynted that my Lord Archbithop fall deal with the Kings Majestie, that the Exerceis of Coupar for the present (at his Hienes will) fitting in Falkland, may be brocht againe to Coupar.

Brig, Perth.—Item, that his Lordship fall deal with his Majestie or Counsell, as falbe thoct meitest, that some further help and subsidie may be obtainit to the reparatioun of the Brig of Tay at Perth.

Harborie of Arbroth.—Item, the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth being enquiryed, declared, that the Magistrates and Burgh [of] Arbroth, have maid good progres in the reparatioun of thair harborie for shippes, and bestow gryt expensis, and tak travell daylie in the said work; fa that thair is evidens that the same falbe profitablie finisheid. Quhairfor it wes concludit, that sa many of the brethren, quhois parochinaris have nocht as yet contributed to the foirfaid work, falbe instant with thame for obtaineing support thairto.

what slander and contempt has arissin to the ecclesiasticall estait of this kingdome, by the occasion of the licht and vndecent apparell vsed by some of that professioun, and chieflie these having vote in Parliament, it is therfore statute, that euerie preachour of Goddis word, sall herefter wear blak, grave and comelie apparel, beseming men of their estait and condition." And King James, shortly afterwards, appointed them to wear black gownes while performing divine service, or attending Church courts.

Expectantis.—The names of expectantis within the boundis of the Synode wer takin vp, viz. Mr. James Stratacline, Mr. David Wood, Mr. Alexander Piteairn, Mr. James Bedie, Mr. William Davidfoun, Mr. Jhone Sommer, Mr. Thomas Ramfay, Mr. James Lichtoun, Mr. Georg Haliburstone, Mr. Jhone Piggot, Mr. Alexander Balnevis, Mr. Jhone Fairfull, Mr. Thomas Lawmonth, Mr. Thomas Meling, Mr. Jhone Alehionor, Mr. Robert Williamfone, Mr. Androw Anderfone, Mr. Henrie Dankin, Mr. Androw Monypennie, Mr. Alexander Henderfone, Mr. James Blair, Mr. William Lammie, Mr. Georg Blak, Mr. David Dalgleis, Mr. Thomas Craig, Mr. Samuel Cuninghame, Mr. Ephraim Melvill, Mr. Robert Halie.

The next Synode (God willing) appoynted to hold the ordinar tyme and place, viz. in St. Androis vpon Law Twyfdlay.¹

September 6, 1611.—Mr. Alexander Bruce admitted minifter at the kirk of Kinfauns.

¹ *Law Sunday* appears to have puzzled Dr. Jamieson, apparently by the difficulty of ascertaining, from the authorities he cites, the precise time to which it was applicable. (*Diet. Supp.* vo. *Laif Sunday*.) *Law Tyslay* is evidently allied to the same term. By referring to the date of the ensuing Synod, we find that it met on the 21st *April* 1612; and we learn from *Nicolas's Notitia Historica*, that Easter-day fell in that year on the 12th April, *Low Sunday* on the 19th, and Tuesday the 21st was *Law Tyslay*. It would appear, that our *Law Sunday* is synonymous with the *Low Sunday*, or *Dies Dominicus in albis* of the Romish and English rituals. The origin of the designation is obscure; that given by Sommer seems, as observed by Dr. Jamieson, to be inapplicable. Hone (*Every-Day Book*, vol. i. p. 453.) surmises that "the Sunday after Easter-day is called *Low*, because it is Easter-day repeated, with the church service somewhat abridged or *lowered* in the ceremony, from the pomp of the festival the Sunday before." Hence it would follow, that *Law Tyslay* was the inferior representative of Easter Tuesday; although it does not appear to have been observed, like that day, either in the Romish or English churches. But perhaps *Law Tyslay* may refer to the sitting of the Supreme Courts of *Law*, in former times, immediately after the Easter Holidays. At the Institution of the College of Justice in 1537, the Easter term, or Summer Session of the Court, was declared "to beginne upon the morn after *Dominica in albis*, and sit quhill Lames;" and again in 1578, it is appointed to commence on "the next Monoday after the *Law Sowday*."

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF ST. VIGIANS, 20 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Tryell Minijer, Text, Jam. 3.—The quhilk day, after invocatioun of the name of God, and doctrine proponit by the said rycht Reverend Father, Mr. Patrik Lyndefy, minifter, being tryed, wes found to teach ordinarelie anis vpon the Saboth, thairafter to hold the Seffioun, and to catechife in the afternoon. Being removed, wes weill reported of be his parochineris. The Seffioun fielyk allowed for thair concurrens.

Poor.—It is found that thei have put thair poor into ane roll; but as yet thei go a begging throcht the parochine, quhilk thei intend to remedie fehortlie.

Communion.—The communion celebrat in the moneth of Maij last. Nane noncommunicantis. Alexander Ritchie excommunicat ane good fpace sinec for flaughter, but reformatis not to this parochine.

Papijtes.—Na Papiftes, no refettaris of thame. Na witches, or confulteris with thame.

The minifter is ordained to gif vp the names of the adultereris and incestuans within the parochine.

Saboth.—The Saboth day reported to be weill keiped, fpecially in herveft, vpon the maifteris pairt, quho gif to the tennantis ane day for winning thair awin cornes. It is ordeined, that thei tak tryell of fuch as have broken this feafoun, and punifh thame according to the A&t of Parliament. And fielyk, that thei punifh fuch as have thair milnes going vpon the Saboth, and exact of thame 20 ſ. penaltie, and repentans publict.

Ile, Sir Peter Young.—Item, it is found that Sir Peter Young of Eafter Seatown, Almoner to the Kings Majeftie, has laitlie bigged, vpon the north fyde of the kirk, ane Ile, to ferve for him felf and fuceffoures for ane buriall. Quhilk the said rycht Reverend Father and remanent affiftantis in the visitatioun allowed, and appoynted that ane patent fall be giffen be his Lordfhip for declaratioun thair of to the pofteritie.

Scole.—It is found that thair is nocht ane commoun Scolle; quhairanent it is ordained that ane Scolle be had with diligens. For the intertainment quhair of it is concludit with commoun confent, that ilk pleuch in

the paroch, fall pay to the Scolmaifter yeirlie 13 s. 4 d., and ilk bairne taweht thairin 6 s. 8 d.

Mans.—It is found that the Mans is bigged be the present Minister, quho als possesses ane full gleib. Mr. Arthour Futhie, Henrie Philp, Jhone Guthrie, and Androw Drummond, ar ordained to estimate the expensis deburted be the said Mr. Patrik vpon the mans, that the famine may be refoundit to him be his succellour.

Provisioun.—The kirk is ane of the Abbacie of Arbroth, and hes ane stipend assignd thairto of the thrides of the prelaie, 12 bollis quheitt, 3 chalderis beir, 4 chalderis 4 bollis meill, quhilk is the constant provisioun. Together with the vicariag after deceis of Mr. Jhone Granger, quho is present titular provydit thairto of old.

Registres.—They ar found to have ordinar registres, quhilk thei ar ordained to produce, and to be viewed be Mr. Arthour Futhie, Henrie Philp,¹ and Jhone Guthrie.

Sessioune.—Item, thair wes nominated ane Sessioune for the said parochine, Sir Peter Young of Seatowne Easter, James Ouchterlowny of Wester Seatown, Androw Lamb in Southtarrie, James Balfour of Northtarrie, Alexander Persone in Wardmilne, Androw Wannand portioner of Law,² Ramsay of Cairnetown, Henrie Futhie of Muirhous, Francis Ogilvie of New Grange, Henrie Smyth portioner of Bruntown, Robert Guthrie in Ethmuthie, Harie Wood of Bonytown, Harie Guthrie of Colistown, Thomas Smyth in Kirktown, Robert Smyth in Grange of Connan, and Robert Flethar of Innerpeffer; quho gaue thair oathes to discharge thair office faythfullie.

Mmes.—Item, for collectiowne of the almes to the poor, It is appoynted, that all the gentlemen and honest men of the parochine, and such speciallic as have bein deacones heirtofoir, fall heirafter in thair courtès be collectoures.

THE VISITATIOWNE OF THE KIRK OF INNERKILLOUR. 22 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Mr Arthour Futhie, minister, found resident on mans and gleib. Item, to teach anis on the Saboth; his text, Gen. 32, *a principio*, and to cate-

¹ Minister at Arbroth.

² Blank in the Record.

chife in the morning. It is statute, that in fommer the catechising be in the afternoon, and that ilk persone absent pay 12 d.

Poor.—They ar ordained to tak ordour with thair poor, that thei may be kept within the parochine and provydit for.

Saboth.—It is found, that the Saboth day is observed in herveft, and that the maifteris gif ane day to the tennantis. Item, that the milnes ceas labouring vpon the Saboth.

Na Papiftes refident within the parochine ; na refaitteris.

Scole.—Item, that thair is ane commune Scole taucht be Mr. Alexander Piteairne, quho, being removed for tryell, wes allowed. And for the intertainement of the Scole, it wes concludit be commune confent, that ilk houfband man labouring ane pleuch gait of land throghout the parochine, fall pay yeirlie to the Scolemaifter 13 s. 4 d. and ilk bairne tawcht in the Scole quarterlie 6 s. 8 d.

Sick.—Item, to the end that the fick perfones be nocht defraudit of the comfort to be miniftred vnto thame in the tym of thair difeas. It is ordained, that the perfones being in hous with the difeafed fall mak advertifement, within thrie dayes at furthest after thei be bedfast, to the eldar or deacon having the cuir of that portioun of the parochine, quho fall immediatlie declair the fame to the minifter. And it is ordained that theis, quho ar in companie with the fick, failzeing, or eldar or deacone nocht doing, as faid is, fall pay refpectively xl s.; and the minifter nocht vifiting, being lawfullie advertifed, and being found to continow thairin, fall be fufpendit from the miniftrie.

Proviſiounne.—The kirk is of the Abbaie of Arbroth, and hes affigned in ſtipend, out of the thridis of the faid prelacie, aweht chalderis viſtuall, with the vicariage ; quhilk he collectis *in corporibus*. And wes inhibite to ſett takis thair of, vnder paine of ſuſpenſion.

It wes found, that thei have all convenient registeris. They ar ordained to buy ane commune Byble.

Gleib, Athie.—Item, it is found that thair is ane mans bigget be the preſent minifter, and ane iuſt gleib. But the kirk of Athie, annexed to this parochine wantis ane gleib. Quhairfoir, in reſpect Sir Jhone Carnegie, heritour of the landis of Athie, is but laitlie returned into the country.

it wes thoecht meitt that my Lord Archbithop wreitt to him, that he may willinglie grant ane gleib befor any designation be.

New Seffion.—Item, thair wes ane Seffionne nominate, the Laird of Cluny, David Gardine of Lawtown, James Stewart, William Wood of Balblair, Thomas Gardine, Mr. David Lyndesay, [&c.] quho maid fayth to do thair office faythfullie.

September 27, 1611.—Mr. James Stratachine admitted minifter at the kirk of Barrie.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCE OF SAINT ANDROIS QUHILK LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE GRYT SCHOOLE OF ST. SALVATORIS COLLEGE, WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, THE 21, 22, 23 DAYES OF APRYL, IN THE YEIR OF GOD 1612, BE THE RYCHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS, AND BRETHREN OF THE MINISTRIE WITHIN THE BOUNDIS ABOUE DESIGNED.

Mr. Andro Froffer.—Cancellarius.—Thair wes presented ane letter from Mr. Androw Forrester, minifter at Dumfermling, bering excusis for his abscens in respect of feiknes; as also ane apologie of his dealling in the scandale of the crucifixe payutit vpon my Lord Chancellor his dask in the said kirk. Quhairanent, the scandale foirfaid being wakened, it wes thoecht meitt, that adys be takin thairin befor any further be done in the Synode. The mater thairfor, being ryple in all the circumstances considered and pondered, wes found to haue giffen gryt offens to the haill countrey, and that the causer, as also the paynter of that idolatrous monnment, and the minifter foirfaid, haue highlie offendit. For remedie quhairof, power and commissiounne wes granted and committed, and be thir presentis ar granted and committed, to the brethren of the Privie Conferens of this Synode, and such of the Exerecis of Dumfermling as ar of this Dioce, together with Mr. Jhone Hall, Mr. Patrik Galloway, Mr. Robert Cornewall, Mr. Adam Bannatyne, Mr. Jhone Carmichael, Mr. William Scott, and Mr. David Meirnis, to convey with my Lord Archbithop in the citie of St.

Androis, vpon the twelft day of Maij nixtocum, with full and plaine powar to thame to try and examine my Lord Chancellor his dealing and interest in the said mater, and to do quhat thei may for removing that offens, according to the word of God and lawes of this Kirk and Kingdome, *premittendo de rato, etc.* To the quhilk day and place my Lord Chancellor false requyrit to be present, and for that effect ane letter wes ordained to be directed from this Synode. Siclyk, it wes statute, that the craftisman foirsaid, quho paynted the crucifix, false charged to compeir day and place above expremit, for ordour taking with him for his offens, as said is. Als the said Mr. Androw Profter, in respect that after the erectioun of the foirsaid monument of idolatrie, did nether mak advertisment to my Lord Archbithop, nether to the brethren of the Exerceis, he being Moderatour thairof, nor hes done any thing in publikt quhilk might declair his ditfying of the foirsaid fact: as also, being requyred peremptourelie to be present at the Synode for purging himself befor thame, yet nochtwithstanding hes nocht compeired, Thairfoir is decernit to be suspendit from his ministrie vntill he be reponed be my Lord Archbithop and commissiouneris abouenamed. And in the meantym it is appoynted, that the brethren of the Exerceis of Dunfermling fall, *per rices*, according to the ordour of the catalogue, supplie his place vpon the Sabboth, and the sailzier heirin according to his cours to be siclyk suspendit. Finallie, Mr. Robert Roch, Moderatour of the Exerceis, is ordained to intimate this present decreitt to the said Mr. Androw.

Habites.—The haill number of the brethren present wer found in thair gownes, exceptand some few, quho in the next Sessioune wes found siclyk to gif obediens.

Noncommunicantis, etc.—Item, it is statute, that the brethren gif vp the names of excommunicattes, noncommunicantis, trassequing papistes, jesuites, etc. and thair refaitteris, and such as ar reasoneris against the religion. And for the better performance heirof, the Moderatouris ar ordained presentlie to convein thair brethren, and tak thair oathes for the faythfull vpgiffen of the persones abouedesigned in thair severall boundis.

Confessioun of Fayth.—Item, for setting downe ane short and cleir Confessioun of Fayth, Mr. Robert Howie, Proveft of the Newcollege, Mr. An-

drow Ramfay, Mr. Patrik Lyndefay, Mr. Henrie Philp, and Mr. David Meirnes, ar ordained to convey at fix houris in the morning, and revise the Confessiounes alredy in hand, and compyrie the same in fa thort and cleir articles as possible thei may, and present the same to the Synode.

Sessio 3^a 22 Apr.

Aith in capitall crymes.—Anent the questioun concerning the exacting of the Aithe of veritie of ane persone accused of ane capitall cryme, referred and continowed undiscussed in the former Synodes, It is thocht meitt that the same be as yet continowed till the next Synod. And in the meantym no executionne of discipline and censure be against the refuier to purge himself be his oath, exceptand as followes, viz. persones suspect of adulterie, and fielyk, false dealt with be the particulare Sessiounes and Exerceises, quho sall admonish thame according to Godis Word to abstain from all appeirans of evill: with certificatioun, if thei false found slanderouslie to resort, being inhibite, thei false holdin *pro confissis*, quhair-vpon, proes being foundit, the offenderis false proceedit against. As also, if the pairtie refusing to purge himself be his oath, vpon vehement presumptiones of his guiltines weyghed and considered be the brethren of the Exerceis of the boundis quhair the slander is, is ordained to be withholdin from the Table of the Lord the first tyme that the Communion false celebrate in the ordinair parochie kirk. Finallie, it wes declaired, that the oath may be takin of the persone willing to giff the same.

Committeris of capitall crymes.—Item, anent the questioun, Quhidder the committer of ane capitall cryme, not compeirand to satisfie the discipline of the Kirk, being summoned for that effect, false holdin contumax, nochtwithstanding he haue nocht *tutum accessum*, and sa proceedit against to excommunicatioun? It is determined that the partie offender, as said is, be letter, or famous men notifying to the Kirk, that he is penitent for his fawlt, and willing to satisfie meais he may have *tutum accessum*, and that his compeirans is vpon fearis of his lyf, fall in this case nocht be counted contumax.

Noncommunicandis, etc.—The brethren of the Exerceises gane in the names

of all such within thair boundis as wes vnder suspitioune in thair religioun, viz. In the boundis of *Dundie*, my Lord Gray, and his domestiekes Patrik, James, Androw, and Robert Grayes, Robert Craw, and Robert Menzeis. Patrik Gray in Langforgownd, Thomas Abererombie of Pitealpie, David Abererombie of Gowrdie. *Megill*, Hòbell Tyrie, Lady Mathie elder, William Tyrie of Drunkilbo, quho having his principall dwelling place within the dioce of Dunkeld, wes recommendit to him. *Coupar*, Marie Gray, Lady Parbroth, Jhone, William, and Gilbert Seatownes, her sons, non-communicant papiftes; Marionne Seatone, Lady Craighall, noncommunicant. *Dumfermeling*, My Lord of Burley, Mungo Murray, papiftes; Androw Wood suspect, and my Lady Burlie nonecommunicante. The foirnamed perſones were ordained to be taken ordour with, be my Lord Archbithop, with all diligens.

Mr. Patrik Lyndesay.—Item, Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, brother germane to the Laird of Vayne, lawfullie ſummoned be the brethren of the Exerceis of Forfar, and referit to this day, being called and nocht compeirand, havand refusit to ſubſcrive and ſweir the Articles of Religioun, and to communicate. The Moderatour and brethren foirſaid ar ordained to inſiſt againſt him, with all diligens, to excommunicatioune.

G. Moutray.—Compeired ſiclyk Georg Moutray, in the parochine of Merkinth, inceſtuous with Janet Willone, quho had borne ane bairne to Robert Moutray, his fatheris brother, confeſſit his hynous offens, and wes remitted to ſatiffie in the ſaid kirk.

Jhone Weymes absolved from excommunicatione.—Anent the humble ſupplicatioune of Jhone Weymes of Potinereif, excommunicate for the ſlauchter of vnquhile . . . Weymes, his naturall brother, craving, that, ſeing God hes touched and moved his heart with vnſained repentans, for the ſaid moſt abominable cryme, and is moſt willing to ſatiffie the Kirk in all things, as ſhall be thoecht meitt for removing the ſelander iuſtlic raifed thairpon, as at lenth is contained in his ſupplicatioune foirſaid, thairfoir the boſome of the Kirk may be opened to him, and he absolved from the heave ſentens abouementionate. The ſaid rycht Reverend Father and brethren, having ſein and red the relaxatioune of the ſaid Jhone from the Kings Majetties horne, for the cryme foirſaid, and conſidering that

thair is na *viander janguis* quho hes perfewed or will perfew the said Jhone thairfoir, thei being all commune freindis to the parties offendar and offendit, to quhom also the said Jhone hes submittit him self for making assythment, as fowld be thoct meitt.—admitted the said Jhone to thair presens, quho in maist humble maner acknowledged his hynous cryme, and moved moift earnistlie to be loofed, as said is: Quhairfoir the said Jhone wes decernit to be absolved from the sentens of excommunicatione, having satisfiet as followes, viz.: It wes statute and ordained, that the said Jhone fall present him self fyve severall Sabbothes *jussiffrè* in the places of publick repentans, within the kirkes of Dumfermling, Kirkaldie, Dyfert, Coupar, and St. Androis, his compeirans to be in lineis:¹ and he to report from the ministeris of the kirkes *respectivè* abovementionate, testimoniallis of his humble satisfactioun: vpon exhibitoun quhairof, and his continowans in good behaviour, he salbe absolved vpon that day he fall compeir in St. Androis, as said is. Lyk as, the said Jhone bound and obleit himself, That in respect thair is ane heaveie felander throcht the resort continowallie and cohabitatioun of William Steward in his hous, thairfoir he fall do all diligens that lyeth in him for removing the said William thairfra. Finallie, for that effect, it is concludit, that my Lord Bishop of Dunkeld fall be dealt with for procuring the same, if he fall resort to the boundis of his jurisdictioun; and the brethren of the Exerceis of Pearth to haue the same cair as occasioun fall offer to thame.

Questio.—Item, the questioun proponit be the Moderatour and brethren foirsaid, Quhat ordour salbe takin with the man quho felanderis ane virgine, alledging he had earnall copulatioun with her, the young [woman] denying, and offring to swear? is referrit to further advysement.

Sessio 4^a. 23 Apr.

Act, Murthereris, Adultereris, etc.—Anent the repentans of murthereris, incestuous, adultereris, and quadrulaps in fornicatioun, It is concludit, that in all tyme coming the persones committaris of the foirsaidis haynous crymes salbe presented befor the Synode, and in thair presens resane ininnctioun

¹ Sackcloth.

anent satisfactioun to be maid be thame, and fieklyk, befor thair absoloutioun, fall of new compeir befor the Synode. It is always permitted to the brethren of the Exerceises, to enter adultereris and quadrulaps in fornicatioun to repentans, nocht presentand thame to the Synode, incas it fall happine thame to be dilated ane grypt space befor the Synode, but speeciallie provydit that nane be absolved but be thair directioun.

Patrik Gray papist.—Patrik Gray in Langforgownd being callit, compeirit. Against quhom the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie gave in ane accusatioun; quhilk being layd to his charge, he confessit as followes. First, that he had borne ane dead corps in the tyme of the buriall thair of aboue ane cors standing in the kirk yaird; but denyed that he wes ether the author thair of, or placed any religioun thairin. Item, that immediatelie thairafter he entered within the kirk of Fowles, and at the altar stane, as yet standing, kneeled and maid his prayers; quhilk he did only for his eas, and nocht for any religioun. Item, that the same being the Saboth day he departed and hard nocht the preiching, being willing to ethew als many as he might. Item, that he had lent to Bessie Kynneir in Invergowie Mr. Nicol Burne his buik¹ vpon her awin faitt. Item confessit, that having presented him self to the Lordis Table in the kirk of Fowles, he did nether eat the bread nor drink the wyne, but shifted thame from him self to thame quho satt next to him. Finallie, confessit him self ane papist, and in no ways resolved in the religioun presentlie professed.

The Synode, considdering how sclanderous the said Patrik hes bein, concludit, that he salbe referrit to be takin ordour with be the Lordis of the High Commisshoun, quho ar to sitt the morne, that he may be punished be thame as affeiris. And ordaines Mrs. Robert Reid and Androw Myrtowne to attend the High Commisshoun for giffing informatioun to the Lordis thair of as falbe requisite; and to that tyme my Lord Archbishop wes defyred to caus put the said Patrik in firmanee.

Androw Lord Gray.—Androw Lord Gray being requyred to compeir befor the Synode for giffing satisfactioun to the kirk anent his resolu-

¹ Nicolas Burne, professor of philosophy at St Andrews, was the author of a Disputation on the controverted points of religion between Protestants and Papists, printed at Paris 1581, 8vo.

tionne in religiounne, compeirit [Sir Walter] Ogilvie of Finlater knycht, his father in law, declairing, that the said Lord is nocht resolved in the headis and articles of religiounne; craved, thairfoir, maist earnestlie that conferens may be granted to him for his resolutionn. In respect of his tender yeiris, and good expectationne of his winning to the Kirk, the Assemblie concludit that conferens shalbe had with him. And for that effect, nominated Mr. Androw Clayhillis, minister at Manfuith, and Mr. David Lyndesay, minister at Dundie, and Mr. Henrie Philp, minister at Arbroth, and Mr. Henrie Fullertown, minister at Forfar; with charge and commandment to thaim to repair to the dwelling place of the said Lord evrie weik ypon Twyfsday and Wednsday, two of the foirnamed being alwayes together, *per vices*; And the saidis Mrs. Androw and David to beginne the next week immediatelic insewing, and thair after in the week following the saidis Mrs. Henrie Philp and Henrie Fullertoun; and to continow in conferens ament the headis of religiounne controverted according to thair courtes without intermissionne, induring the space of thrie monethis. Provyding alwayes, that the said Lord behaue him self, induring the space above designed, dewtifullie in frequenting the kirk for heirring of the Word, and keip the tyme assigned to his Lordship for conferens. And also, that he bind and obleis him self induring the space foirsaid, that he fall nether heir masse, nor sett into his pabae, maïs-preist, jesuite, or excommunicate papist. For fulfilling quhairof the said Sir [Walter] Ogilvie of Finlater, and Sir Alexander Falconer of Halkertowne, knychtis, took burden. Finallie, That the domestick servantes to the said Lord giffen in roll be the brethren of the Exerecis of Dundie, fall, at the visitationne of the kirk of Fowles, ether satisfie in fweiring and subservyng the Confessionne of Fayth, or then his Lordship fall remove thame, or sa many of thame as fall happin to refus, with all diligens, from his companie; and fall, at the visitationne foirsaid, tak ordour and willinglie condescend to remoue the superstitious monumentis as yet remaining in the said kirk: for accomplishment quhairof my Lord Archbithop promised to visite the same *primo quoque tempore*.

Uniformitie of Discipline.—My Lord Archbithop reported, that the Synode of Lawthiane, in thair last meiting, has nominate certain brethren

of thair number for conveyinge with such of this Synode as wes nominate in thair last Assemblie at Perth, for setting downe ane vniformitie of discipline. In the quhilk work the Synode desyrit his Lordship to insist.

Ecclesia Couerth.—Anent the provisione of the kirk of Couerth, Mr. Alexander Symefone, minister, meined him self, that having for ane grypt space served in the ministrie, and having no stipend at all, exceptand such as he had of the liberalitie of the gentlemen of the parochine, quhilk he looked not to be continowed, thairfor he will be forced to leave the said ministrie. Sir Alexander Falconar of Halkertown, and Jhone Allerdeis, feir of that Ilk, in thair awin names and of the parochin, maid suitt, that the Maisteres of the New College, personis of the said parochine, may be vrged to provyde thair kirk. Siclyk, thair wes presented from his Majestie ane letter to my Lord Archbishop, requyring his Lordship to do all diligens for provisione of the said kirk. Quhairanent the Maisteris soirsaidis being inquyred, they flew that their Colleg is meinlie provydit, vnder grypt burthen, and gett evill payment of the moift part of thair tennantis, quhairthrocht thei ar nocht able to provyde that kirk as thei wold. The gentlemen parochinaris offred to provyde thair minister vpon reasonable conditiones. The Synode thecht meitt that thair be nominate certane to commune betwix thame, viz. for the Colleg, the Rector of the Vniversitie, and Sir Jhone Learmounth of Balcolmie; for the parochine, Mr. Georg Young, the Goodman of Kirktowne, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, by quhois travellis, if ane setling may nocht be had, my Lord Archbishop fall conveyin the visitouris of the said Colleg, that thei may decerne thairanent.

Kilmanie.—The parochinaris of Kilmanie proponed thair suitt, that his Majestie may be dealt with for granting libertie to Mr. James Melvil, thair minister, to returne to thame, quhairin my Lord Archbishop fall travell.

Drunkardis.—It being heavilie regraited, that the vyce of drunkennes [is] now become sa commune, and yet no punishment inflicted vpon drunkardis. The Synode thoecht meitt that advysment salbe takin be the High Commissioun, and some ordour takin for repressing the same.

Pluralitie of Kirkes.—The Synode, considering how grypt ane hinderans to the Gospell is broght be the pluralitie of Kirkes servit be ane persone, and that thair ar many Actes alredy of the Generall Assemblie against the

same, thoct meitt that prent tryell be of all such. Efter inquisitione thair wer found as followes :

Within the boundis of *Dundie*, Fowles and Lundie, in the persone of Mr. Androw Mortowne; Rossie and Aberneitt, in Mr. Georg Haitlie; Inliture and Benvie, in Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour; Maines and Strikmartine, in Mr. William Raitt; Liff, Logie, and Innergowrie, in Mr. Jhone Duncane. *Fofarr*. Clovay vnplanted, served be David Brown; Mathie and Inneraritie, in the person of Mr. David Williamfon. *Brechine*. Newdolk¹ vnplanted, ane pairt thair of going to Edzell, ane part to Fetterkairne; Auldbar and Aberlemno, in Jhone Lyndeláy. *Meirnes*. Caterline and Kinneff, in Mr. James Raitt.² *Peirith*. Cambusimichaell and St. Martines Kirk, in the persone of Mr. Jhone Stratachine; Forteviot and Muekerflie, in Mr. James Ros; Killspindie and Raitt, in Mr. James Row; Luncardie, Piteairnes, and Redgortoun, in the persone of William Young; Erroll and Inshmartine, in Mr. James Smyth. *Coupar*. It is found, that St. Michaelis Kirk is vnplanted, and the parochinaris thair of being annexed to na vther, nether subiect to any particular discipline, ar verie offensue to all that ar adjacent to thame. It is thoct meitt thairfoir, that the minister and fessioune of Coupar haue ane cair of thame, and hold thame vnder discipline. And that the Maisteris of the New Colleg, persons of the said parochine, be dealt with to acknowledg thair paines. *Kirkaldie*. Merkinsh and Kirkforther, in the persone of Mr. Jhone Mitchellson; Weymes and Methill, in the persone of Mr. Jhone Tullais. *Dumfermeling*. Innerkeithing and Rafyth, in the persone of Mr. Robert Roch.

The Synode referred to advysement, how the kirkes abouenamed vnplanted may be planted; as also, that such kirkes as may be differred, may nocht be holdin in the persone of ane man. The brethren appoynted to convein at St. Androis, the 12 day of Maij nextocome, ar to sic quhat light thei may gif to the same; and thairafter, my Lord Archbisshop to haue regaird for taking away the foirsaid evill, as said is, with all diligens.

¹ Newdorsk was afterwards united to the parish of Edzell.

² Caterline and Kinneff now form one parish.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNODE OF THE PRELATES OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. ANDROIS, HOLDIN IN THE SAID CITIE VPON THE 24 DAY OF APRYLE 1612.

The foirfaidis day and place, Georg Gordoune of Giecht, . . . Wood, his spous, Mr. Alexander Leflie, Mr. Michael Fraithar and his spous, excommunicat papiftes, lawfullie fummoned, being callit and nocht compeir-and, It is concludit that thei falbe charged to compeir befor the High Commiffiounne in ane meiting thairof to be holdin at Edinburgh, the aucht day of Junij nextocome.

Jhone Chein.—Jhone Chein, in . . . being callit, compeirit. Being accufed of having refaitt preiftes, jefuites, etc. and having melle-clothis in his hous, purged him felf of the hail premiffes, and produced ane teftificatiounne from Mr. Robert Merfher, minifter at Allane, that he has communicat with the remanent of that congregatiounne. Being demandit aient his refolutiounne in the religiounne, declared him felf to be refolved and to profes with vs in all things. And wes ordained to pas to the kirk of Abirdein, vpon the tent day of Maij nextocome, being the Saboth, and publicklic to fweir and fubferyue the Confefsiounne of Fayth, and communicate, quhilk he promifed to do. Lyk as, he band and obleffit him felf, vnder the paine of fyve hundreth fibs. money, that he fall find good and reponfall fovertie and cautiousne to be bound and become obleffit for him in the fowme of thrie hundreth merkis mony, that he fall heirafter keip his hous frie from refaitt of quhatfomever papiftes, preiftes, feminaries, jefuites, etc. as law will. Finallie, it is ordainit that Elfpat Garioch, spous to the faid Jhone, and Jhone Chein thair fone, be fummoned to the dyett aboue defigned, viz. 8 Junij.

At Kinnell, 4 Maij 1612.—Mr. Henric Futhie admitted minifter of the faid Kirk.

THE VISITATIOUNNE OF THE KIRK OF FOWLES, 6 MAII 1612.

Servantis, Lord Gray.—The quhilk day, eftir doctrine proponit be the faid

rycht Reverend Father and invocationne of Godis holy name, according to the ordinans and conclutionne of the laitt diocesane Synode, the domeftick fervantis of Androw Lord Gray, requyred and warned to this day, wer called severallie and inquyred anent thair religioun. Compeired Patrik Gray, fone to Robert Gray of Milnehill, Robert Gray of Drumelie, and Robert Craw, professed thame felfis to be of the trew religioun professed publi&lie according to the present lawes of this kingdome, and offred to fweir and subferyue the Confessioun of Fayth, and to communicate quhen and quhair thei falbe requyred, lyk as thei had done hitherto how oft the fame was celebrate in the foirfaid kirk. Concerning quhom it wes concludit, that the Confessioun of Fayth falbe giffen to thame, that thei may reid, confider, and haue knowledge of the fame : and that thei fall compeir befor the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie the morne moneth, and in thair prefens subferyue and fweir to the fame : and bind thame felfis to communicate at fuch tyme and place as falbe thoelt meitt. In the performans quhairof, if thei or any of thame fall failzie, it is concludit, that my Lord fall immediatelie thairafter remoue thame, or any of thame, from his fervice.

Sielyk compeired, being called, Robert Menzies and Androw Gray, fervitouris foirfaidis ; being demandit concerning thair refolutionne in religioun, refufied to fweir and subferyue the Confessioun ; quhairfoir it wes concludit, that my Lord fall with diligens remoue thame from his place and fervice.

The faid rycht Reverend Father and brethren conveynit, vpon fundrie good refpectis, thoelt meitt and concludit, that my Lord fall repair to the burgh of Dundie for keiping conferens with the brethren nominate in the laitt Synode ; and evrie Tyfday falbe firft present at the doctrine, and thairafter enter to thair conferens.

Item, it is ftatute and ordained, that the paintrie quhilk is vpon the pulpitt and ruid laft, being monumentes of idolatrie, falbe obliterate be laying it over with grein colour. The minifter with diligens to fie the fame expel.

Da. Abererombie.—David Abererombie of Gowrdie being callit, compeirit ; inquyred anent his religioun, declared that he professed the trew

religioune with ws, and promised to fweir and subferyue the Confeffioune of Fayth, quhenfoever he fall be requyred. Lyk as, his minifter flew that he hes fra tyme to tyme communicate with the remanent parochinaris. He promised heirafter, for eschewing of offens, nocht to reafone in any queftioun of religioune.¹

THE SYNODE OF THAT PART OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS QUHILK LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE GRYT SCHOLES OF ST. SALVATOURS COLLEGE, ST. ANDROIS, 29 AND 30 SEPT. 1612.

Chancellor.—My Lord Archbishop reported, that having acquainted the Kings majestie with the offens vpon the paintrie of my Lord Chancellor his dask in the kirk of Dumfermeling, had reported his Hienes will that the Kirk infist no further in proces against his Lordship, feing his Majestie thoght the offens fufficientlie removed.

Huntlie.—Errolle.—Forasmikle, as all dealing that the Kirk vndertakis against papistrie and the professours thair of is vneffectuall sa lang as no ordour is takin with the principallis, viz. the Marqueis of Huntlie and Earle of Erroll; heirfoir it is concludit, that my Lord Archbishop fall direct ane supplicatioune to his Majestie fra this assemblie, with all dew reverens, regraitting the evill that arys and growes in the countrey throcht the oversicht granted to thame; and craving, that the Marqueis and his Lady (as thei quho ar gryt perverteris of vtheris) may both be removed from the countrey, and the Earle of Erroll committed to ane moir fitt ward than heirtofoir. And fielyk that, according to the lawes of the countrey, thair escheittes be takin vp. And becaus the continowall resort of divers of all estates to the said Earle is verie offenseue, thairfoir it is ordained, that his excommunicatioune be intimate of new in the pulpittes of Peirth and vtheris adjacent, with straitt inhibitioune to all, alfiweill

¹ Thomas Abercrombie of Pittchpie also gave a similar promise, "in tyme coming to eshew all speech in controversies of religioune, and to haue no reasoning thairanent."

noble as vtheris, to refort to him (exceptand fuch as be neccffitie of nature and be law haue libertie,) vnder [the] paines of the cenfures of the Kirk to be execute againft the tranfgreffouris.

Excommunicatis.—Item, for tryell of the noncommunicantis, It is ordained, that ilk brether in quhois boundis fuch ar fall gif thame in formallie, viz. the names of the perfones, together with the tyme at the quhilk the communicoun wes celebrate, and the requisitioun maid thair-aunt. And felyk, that thei gif vp the names of the refautteris of thame, with the witneffes quho may be vfed for probatioun.

Laird of Gicht.—Forfamikle as George Gordoune of Gicht, excommunicat papift, hes heirtfoir giffen manyfold declaratiounes of his wilfull and obftinate continowans in papiftrie; and that his laitt dealing with the prelattis and minifteris, making fome fhew of ane defyre to be refolved in the headis of religioun, hes bein for no vther end but to illude the Kirk, and eliew the further executioun of the lawes againft him: Thairfoir concludit and ordained, that the excommunicatioun of the faid Georg falbe intimate of new in all the kirkes of this Synode, with ftraitt inhibitioun to any perfone to refaitt him; and that evrie Exerceis fall try fuch as falbe found to failzie heirin, and proceed againft thame be the cenfures of the Kirk, as thei falbe countable vpon the difcharge of thair offices. As alfo, that the conclufioun foirfaid falbe fhawin to the Bifhop and miniftrie of Aberdein, that thei may know that he is in no dealing with the Kirk heir; and for this effect Mr. James Sibbald fall cauf convoy the Act of this Synode to Aberdein with all convenient diligens.

Pat. Gray.—The brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie reported, that Patrik Gray in Langforgound hes fubfcrived and fworne the Confefsioun of Fayth, and communicate.

William Hardie.—William Hardie in Kallineh, within the parochine of Seres, lawfullie fummoned be the directioun of the Exerceis of Coupar, after many admonitiounes, to compeir befor this Synode to anſwer for his manifelt refuifall theis many yeirs bygane to heir Godis word, or refaue the holy facrament; as alfo for fuffring his bairne to ly vnpreſented to baptiſme, and finallie, for blaſpheming the Word and Miniſtrie thair of in open audiens of fundrie people, as in the fummondis at mair lenth is contened;

being called, compeired nocht. The Synode ordained the minifter of Seres to pas forward with the censures of the Kirk againft the faid William, and to gif the firft publiſt admonitioune the next Saboth, and to preſent the proces to my Lord Archbiſhop after he hes giſſen the thrid admonitioune.

30 Sept. *Seſſ.* 3^a.

Lord Gray.—Forſamikle as Androw Lord Gray having granted to him be the laitt dioceſiane Synode, holdin in this citie in the moneth of Apryle laſt bypaſt, ane competent tyme, and brethren nominate induring the ſame to conferr with his Lordſhip for his reſolutioun in the headis of religioun, quhilk tyme is long ſince expyred; and as yet his Lordſhip hes giſſen no ſatiffactioun anent his reſolutioun, as ſaid is, Thairfoir ordained and decerned, that [the] moderatour and brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie ſhall intend and continow proces againft the faid Lord, according to the Aſtes and conſtitutiounes of the Kirk, with all diligens, vnles his Lordſhip ſhall this day, or at leift befor the departour of the brethren abouenamed from this citie, compeir and condeſcend to ſatiffie the kirk in all things at the ſicht of my Lord Archbiſhop and brethren of the Exerceis foirſaid.

Effie, Nevay.—Mr. Georg Sommer, miniſter at Effie and Nevay, craves that the ſaidis kirkes may be inrolled amongs theis for diſſevering, quhair of ane cair is to be had. Item, the kirkes of Torrie and Crombie.

Librarie.—Forſamikle as the Vniverſitie of St. Androis have intendit and maid ane reaſonable progres in building and erecting ane commune Librarie for the uſe of ſuch as aſpyre to learning, The Aſſemblic, willing to hald hand to ane work ſa good and profitable, willinglie condeſcendit to contribute thairto, as alſo to aſſiſt the collectouris depute be the faid Vniverſitie, when it ſhall happin thame to repair to thair particular congregatiounes for obtaining the benevolens of the gentlemen in the countrey to the faid work. Such of the brethren as wer preſentlie diſpoſed gailf according to thair diſcretionne. The remanent did inſert with thair awin handis into ane roll, according as thei ſhall gif or ſend to the collectouris foirſaidis, *primo quoque tempore*.

Queſtio adulteraris.—Anent the queſtionne propondit, Quither hynous offendours, as adulteraris and vtheris of that fort, ſowld be admitted to mak thair publiſt repentans in licht apparell, earings, and fielyk? It is anſwerit, that ſuch perſons aweht to preſent thame ſelfis all the dayes of thair publiſt compeirans in ſackloth.

Traffique with Witches.—Anent the queſtionne, Quhat ordour ſhalbe takin eccleſiaſtically with traſſequeris with witches? It is anſwerit, that thei aweht to be put to publiſt repentans.

Bruntiland.—Item, the brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ar ordainet to deall with the miniſter, magiſtrates, and towne of Bruntiland, that thei may tak ordour for having ane good ſeole eſtabliſhed in thair ſaid burgh for inſtructing the yowth in the grammer; and incas thei ſhall find any impediment, to advertiſe my Lord Archbiſhop.

THE DIOCESIAN SYNODE OF ST. ANDROIS BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN
IN THE SAID CITIE. 13 AND 14 OF APRYLE 1613, BE GEORGE ARCH-
BISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Seſſ. 2^{da}.

Absentis Mr. J. Carmichael, Mr. W. Watſone.—The abſentis from the laſt Synode being tryed wer all excuſed, exceptand certane of thes quho wer anis confyned be his Majeſties authoritie; ſpeciallie it was found that ane letter, giſſing warrant to Mrs. William Watſone and Jhone Carmichael to repair to the Aſſemblies, from my Lord Archbiſhop, wes dellyverit be Mrs. Jhone Mitchelfone and Robert Zuill *reſpectivè*, who alſo ſhew to thame the will of the Synode agreable thairto; always ſeing the ſaidis Mrs. William and Jhone alledge that thei wer confyned be civill power, and can be lowſed be na vther: forſamikle as the actiounne is mixed, the Synode willed and deſyred my Lord Archbiſhop to ſummon and convey thame befor the Lordis of High Commiſſiounne for tryell of the relevancie of thair excuſes.

Huntlie.—Erroll.—My Lord Archbiſhop reported, that according to the

conclusioun of the last Synode, he wreitt to his Majestie anent the Marquis of Huntlie and Earle of Erroll, quhilk hes takin the effect following. viz. The Marques is presentlie at Court together with the Bishop of Brechine, who hes dealt in conferens with him, of purpois (as is thoght) to conforme him self. Item, that certane ar apoynted to deall with the Earle of Erroll.

Lady Parbroth.—Item, it is reported, that Gilbert Seatoune, immediatelie efter the last Synode, past off the countrey, and that his mother, the Lady of Parbroth, offeris to subserue and fwear the Confessioun of Fayth.

Andro Lord Gray confessioun.—My Lord Archbishop reported, that vpon the last Saboth, the eleventh of this instant, Andro Lord Gray had, in presens of many honourable witneffes, subserued and solemnelie sworne the Confessioun of Fayth, and thairafter did communicate in the parochie kirk of St. Androis; and hes promised, at the terme of Witsonday next, to remoue such of his domestick fervantis as wer nominate at the visitatioun of the kirk of Fowles. His Lordships confessioun being exhibite, wes ordained to be insert in the register *ad futuram memoriam*; the tenour quhair followes:—

I beleiv with my hart, with my tounge confes, and with my hand subserue æfaldlie and simple theis articles and poyntis of religioun after following, as I sall answer to God vpon my salvioun, and to men vpon my honour and credite.

I believ and am suirle perswadit that all thingis necessar for mens salvioun ar conteinit within the written word of God, that is to say, the authentick and canonieall buikes of the Awld and New Testament.

I am suirle perswadit and fullie assured that the making and adoratioun of images, ayther for thameselfis or for representatioun of God or any sainet, is idolatrie and forbidden be the word of God.

I confes, grant, and am fullie perswadit, that be nature I am subject to sinne and damnatioun, and am delyverit from the guiltines thair of onlie and allenarlie be the frie and undeservit grace of God for the merites and sufferings of Jesus onlie. And thairfor, I exclude my workes, or the workis of any creature besyde Jesus from the meritorious caus of my salvioun.

Albeit that good workis be na wayes the caus of my salvioun, bot the grace of God and Chrystis merite, quhilk is apprehendit and applyit be the instrument of fayth; yet as I beleiv and profes that good workis ar to be done for the obediens to God, for paccifing my awin consciens, and that I may glorifie God be good example to vtheris; this I asirme, that fayth that

wanteth good workis and ane holy lyff is deid and ineffectuall, and is nocht the instrument of trew salvatioun and justificatioun.

I know and am fallie perswadit that fayth cometh by heiring the Word of God preached, and that the sacramentis ar the sealis and confirmatiouns of the samine word ; and thairfor, I abhor all kynd of service and administratioun publict in the kirk, ether of the word or sacramentis, in ane vnkunown tounge.

I acknowledge thair ar two Sacramentis onlie apperteneing to all ehristians in the New Testament, Baptisme and the Lordis Supper.

I confes that the breid and wyne ar nocht transubstantiate in the Lordis supper, bot only change in thair vse ; and thairfor, the breid remaines breid, and the wyne, wyne, efter the wordis of the institutione. The elementis, being that way sanctefide, ar nocht onlie signes, bot also suir sealis of the gifing and receiving of the spirituall thing signified.

Since God wilbe servit in spirituall worship only according to his commandment, and that prayer is one of the principall poyntis of his service, and since that God be his word hath declarit that to his Majestie only we aweit to pray, as to him who hath power almightie, mercie endles, knowledg sufficient of all our misteris and miseries, outward and inward ; and since thair is bot ane God and ane mediatur betwix God and man, Thairfor to God only will I pray, and will acknowledg and imploy the Lord Jesus allenarlie, and no vther in heavein nor in the earth, for my mediatur, both of redemptioun and intercessioun.

I acknowledge that the Kings Majestie is supreme governour, immediatlie vnder God, over all persons and in all causes, baith evill and ecclesiasticall, within his Majesties awin dominionnes, and that no forrein estaites or preist hes any jurisdictione over me in any of the foirsaidis causes.

And finallie, with my hart I ioyne my self with the Kirk of Scotland, that publictlie according to the present lawes of the cuntry professis the reformed religioun, preached be the ordinar ministeris that publictlie and avowedlie preach the same, and as our soveraine lord the Kings Majestie, in his awin persone, and be his lawes, makis professione thairof. I acknowledge the said Kirk of Scotland to be ane pairt of the trew visible Kirk, and I ioyne thairto as ane trew member thairof. And theis articles I subserive and sweir simplie and sincerelie as thei stand, without equivocatioun or mentall reservatioun, so saue me God in that grypt day.

Sic subscribitur. GRAY.

The witnesses, my Lord Archbishop of St. Androis, Mr. Georg Young rectour of the Vni-versitie, my Lord Commissar, Duncane Balfour provest, Jhone Arnot and Mr. William Weymis bailies, Sir Jhone Lermouth of Balcomie knight, Mr. Robert Lermouth advocat, the Laird of Corstoun, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. William Lumisden, Mr. Andro Mortown, with vtheris dyvers.

Gray.—And becaus the monumentis of idolatrie painted in the kirk of Fowles ar nocht as yet removed, the Synode giffes be thir presentis full power and commiffioun to Mrs. Andro Clayhills, Jhone Duncane, Robert

Rind, and Andro Mortown to pas to the said kirk, and abolish altogether the afoirsaid monumentis ; as also for bringing to conformitie such of my Lordis fervantis as wer nominate in the visitationne to be dealt with.

Scff. 3^a 14 Apryle.

Ijbell Lundie contra Jhone Aitone.—Anent the complaint maid be Ijbell Lundie, fiftir-germane to vinquhile Robert Lundie of Balgonie, vpon Jhone Aitone, making mentionne in effect that quhairas sex yeiris sence, or thairby, the said Jhone had contractit mariage with her, and thair bandis proclamit in the kirk of Merkinsh lawfullie ; lyk as the said Jhone had, vpon faythfull promeis of mariage, had carnall copulationne with her : nochtwithstanding, the said Jhone nocht only hes defferrit to accomplish the mariage with her, bot also intending to ioyne himself to another, hes contracted mariage with Cristian Boswell, and hes causit proclame thair bandis in the kirkis of Kingleffie and Portmoak : Craving thairfor that the ministeris of the saidis kirkes may be commandit to desist from further proclamatiounne of thair bandis, and the said Jhone may be compellit to accomplish the mariage with the complainer. The said Jhone, being demandit anent the premisses, denyit her complaint, as it is conceived. The Synode, nocht finding tham willing to fettle that mater amicable, referred thame to the Judge Ordinar ; and ordained the said Ijbell to intend and beginne proces within the space of twentie dayes, and to prosecute the same with all diligens. In the meantyme, the proclamatiouns of the bandis of the saidis Jhone and Cristiane to stay, and no minister to grant to thame mariage till ether the proces be finisshed and concludit, or ellis the said Ijbell remis in prosecuting the same.

Report, Burley.—Mrs. Patrik Lyndesay and Thomas Douglas returned ane answer from my Lord of Burley, that he is resolved anent the trewth of religioun, had communicate in London, and wold, at any tyme dewlie fortold, receiv the communionne, nothing having hinderit him laithlie exceptand vpon greif at some perones who had misreported him to the Kings Majestie. His answer being also directed to the Assemblie in wreitt, was ordainit to be registrat ; the tenour quhairof followes :—

Mr. Patrik Lyndesay and Mr. Thomas Douglas, being direct to me from the reverend assemble now convenit at this present Synode, thair desyre wes to know if I wold communicate, or if I had communicate since this tyme twelmonth. I answeirit thame, that I could nocht refais to tak my sacrament (vpon fyftein dayes premonitioun for making preparatione at any tyme when thei desyrit ;) bot presentlie I could nocht communicate, nocht for any scruple of religioun, bot for scruple of consciens in ane mater quhilk particuarlie I impertit to thame. Thairfor I willed thame, vpon this reasonable caus, that thei wold mak my excus ; with protestatioun, that immediatlie the caus being removed, I sould effectuate thair desyre at any tyme or in any place thei wold appoynt. I haue now taken occasioun to direct thir presentis to desyre that this my lawfull excus, sincerelie manifested be me, may be takin in gude part, as his who will bestow the hazard of his lyf and spending of his blood in defens of that Religioun professit be his Majestie and autorizet be theis Kirkes within his dominions. In wites quhairof, I haue subseryvit this presentis with my hand, at my ludging in St. Andrews, the fourteenth day of Apryle the yeur of God 1^m VI^e and thrittein yeiris.

Sic subscribitur, BALFOUR.

SR. [J ?] BALFOUR of Muntquhany, *witnes.*

SR. [H ?] BALFOUR of Baledmouth, *witnes.*

Agnes Anfruther.—The brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ordanit to present to my Lord Archbithope ane dittay against Agnes Anfruther. fulfpet of witchcraft, that being found of weght tho may be perfewed be the Kings advocate.

Regijler.—It is statute and ordainit, that evrie Exerceis haue ane authentick regijler of the manfes and gleibis of all the Kirkes within thair preincit, the designations and particuler estate of thame ; and that thei present the same to the next Synode.

Mans, Gleib.—Item, that ilk Exerceis tak tryell if thair be any of thair number who hes sett his mans or gleib to any vther perfone, that the offender herein may be punished.

Scole, Bruntiland.—It is reported, that as yet thair can nocht be had ane grammer scole in Bruntiland. the counceill of the towne being flaw thairin. and contenting thame felis with ane who teaches thair bairnes to reid and wreitt. Forsamikle as it wes anis concludit in ane visitatioun, that ane grammer scole falbe had within that burgh. and it is most needffar that it be so, thairfor it is ordainit that letteris be rayfed vpon the Act of visitatioun, etc.

Questio, Lowman.—Anent the questioune proponit be the minister of

Lownan, concerning ane woman, who being of age fourtie yeiris or thairabout, and yet vn baptized, her father refusing in this to do the dewtie of ane parent at her birth, quhilk being reveilit to her be her mother at the tyme of her deceis, sho hes ane long tyme conceiled the same, and now maist carnistlie craved the feall of baptisme; It is concludit, that exact tryall falbe takin if sho may be found to haue bein baptized, and incais no evidens may be had thair of, the woman fall compeir befor the Exerceis of Arbroth, and declair as is abouexpremit, and thairafter falbe baptized.

Tryell, Lyndesay.—Publict requisitione maid, and als who had any thing to lay to the charge of any of the brethren in the boundis aboue designed, requyred to compeir and propone the same. The brethren wer removed as vse is, be thair awin numberis. No fault wes found in thair lyfis or doctrine; alwayes Mr. David Lindefay, minister at Kinnettellis, wes rebuked for vsing moe numberis of poyntis, and in another maner, nor becommeth the gravitie of ane minister: And is ordainit to abstain from selyk in tyme coming.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRKES OF KINFANS AND KILSPINDIE,
AT THE KIRK OF KILSPINDIE FOIRSAID, 1 SEPTEMBER 1613.

Mans and Gleib.—Efter invocatioun of the holy name of God, and doctrine proponit be the said ryght Reverend Father, vpon Ps. 119, *mem.* Mr. Alexander Bruce, minister at Kinfans, wes found nocht to be resident, be reason he wantis ane mans altogether, and ane part of the gleib. For remedie quhair of, it is appoynted, that the Bishop of Dunkeld and Mr. William Buchannane provest of Methuen, fall designe the same *primo quoque tempore*; and the minister is ordained to intend actioun for obtaineing possessione of the same befor the next Synode, vnder paine of suspensioun fra the ministrie. Being removed, wes found and declared be all that wer present to be of blameles lyf and sound doctrine.

No excommunicatis found, noncommunicantis, papistes, or thair re-faitteris.

Scole.—Thair is ane feolmaifter, James Carnegie, who wes allowed. And for intertainment of the feole in all tyme coming, it is concludit, be com-mounne advyse and consent, that evrie ane within the said parochine labouring ane pleweh gaitt of land, fall pay yeirlie to the feolmaifter thrit-tein shillings four d., and ilk bairn within the parochine taweht within the feole fall pay quarterlie sex shillings awcht d.

Item, it is found, that thei haue ane box, and provide for the poor. It is ordained, that all penalties exacted of transgressoris be employed to the vse of the poor.

The fabrick of the kirk found in good eace. It is ordained, that the parochinaris build the kirk dykes according to the act of Parliament. Item, that no buriall be permitted within the kirk, and that the offenderis in that fort pay xl. libis.

The kirk is ane kirk of Scone, having in stipend the vicariage, whilk the minifter is ordained to lift *in corporibus*, vnder paine of fuspensoun. Thair is affigned, mairover, fyue chalder victuall, thrid pairt beir, twa part meill.

Thair Seffioune.—Elders, Adame Rae of Pitfindie, Patrik Chalmeris of Savathie, James Chalmeris of Segiden, Henrie Browne of Panlhill, Georg Scott of Kirkstyle, William Lyndefay of Haggishall, James Hunter of Patlowre, &c.

KILSPINDIE.—RAITT.

Mr. James Row, minifter, refident at the kirk of Kilspindie, is found to teach onlie at the said kirk, and is to beginne the next Saboth the Prophecie of Hoseah.

It is ordained, that in tyme coming, he fall beginne fermone preceiffie at ten houres, thairefter hold thair Seffioune, and catecheis ane part of the parochine in the efternoone; and that the absentis fall pay, ilk maifter ij s., ilk fervant xij d.

Minifter.—The said Mr. James being removed, and the parochinaris inquiryed anent his lyf and doctrine, It wes objected, that he reforted over mikle to the burgh of Peirith, speeciallie vpon the Saterdag, at quhilk tyme he, being giffen to drink, returns evill disposed to teach vpon the Saboth.

Item, that he takis no paine to studie, and is giffen to drink ; as also, that he had for the space of dyvars yeiris bygane intrometit with the penalties and poor folkis silver, and convertit the same to his awin vse. The foir-faidis declarations being verie scandalous, the said Mr. James wes admonished and rebuked becaus of thame. The further censure alwayes continowed till the next Synode.

Kilspindie.—Item, it is found, that the rooffs of the kirk is verie ruinous, for reparatioun quhairof, and for bigging ane pulpitt, it is concludit, that ane taxationne be rayfed of twa hundreth ¹ the twa pairt thairof to be payed be the parochinaris, and the thrid part be the perfone.

Raitt.—Item, it is thoct meitt and concludit, that the kirk of Raitt be repayred. The maner efter quhilk the said kirk shalbe served is to be sett downe after the same shalbe buildit.

Buriall.—Item, that the minister dilate all such as haue buried any corps into the kirk within 12 moneth bygane. And in tyme coming no buriall to be within the kirk vnder paine of xl fibs. to the offender ; and that the Laird of Kilspindie for offending heirin be summoned befor the High Commiffiounne.

Thair ar no papistes, or refaittoris of thame.

Scole.—It is found, that thair is na commune scole for educatione of the yowth, be reafone that no provisiounne hes bein maid for ane scolmaifter ; for remedie quhairof, it is concludit, that with all diligens thair be provydit ane qualified perfone who may be able to help the minister, for quhois intertainement the minister, with his awin consent, is appoynted to pay yeirlie twentie fibs., and everie ane labouring ane ploughgaitt of land in other of the parochins foirfaid fall pay yeirlie xiiij s. iiij d., and ilk bairne tawcht in the scole quarterlie fall pay vj s. viij d.

Gleib.—The gleib of Kilspindie nocht being fullie designed, It is appoynted, that ane commiffiounne be giffen for designing the same, and that tryell be takin if thair be any land within the parochine belonging to the perfone, to beginne thairat. The mans and gleib of Raitt to be designed at the bigging thairof. The kirk is ane of Scone, having the vicariage and sex chalderis victuall.

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THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRKES OF KYNNAIRD, LIFF, LOGIE,
AND INNERGOWRIE, INSHUR, AND FORGOWND, AT THE KIRK OF
LONGFORGOUND, VPON THE THRID DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1613.

KYNNAIRD.

Efter invocatioune of Godis holy name and doctrine be the faid rycht Reverend Father vpon the 1 Pet. 4, *a principio*, Mr. Robert Sommer, minifter at Kynnaird, is found to be refident within the parochine, but nocht vpon ane mans, thair being no mean for obtaining mans or gleib. Item, to teach anis vpon the Saboth, his text, Prov. 15 and 24, and to hold the feffioun efter fermone, as alfo to catecheis in the efternoone. Being removed, was allowed.

The communioun celebrate 20 Junij laft. The Lairdis of Kinnaird, elder and younger, communicate not.

No excommunicatis, papiftes, or thair refaittoris.

It is found, that thei cair for the puir, and haue ane box, quhilk is ap-
poynted to be kept be Patrik Will, and the minifter to keip the key.

Item, thair is ane fcole tawght be Robert Awfone, quho being removed for tryell, it wes obiected againft him that he is mikle giffen to drink, and in his drunkennes to outrageous fpeeches. He wes thairfoir rebuked, and further cenfure of him remitted to the next Synode, to the quhilk he wes fummoned *apud acta*.

LIFF, LOGIE, INNERGOWRIE.

Mr. Jhone Duncane, minifter, is found refident at the kirk of Liff; to teach at Liff befor noon on the Saboth; his text, S. Jhone, *cap. vii.*; and at Innergourie efter noon, his text, Pf. 23, and to hold the feffiounne for all at Liff. Being removed, was allowed.

The communioun celebrate in the moneth of Auguft 1612, and nocht fince for inlaik of the Elementis, vpon default of my Lord of Seone; alwayes thei ar prefentlie preparing for the fame to be celebrate with convenient diligens.

Na noncommunicantis, excommunicatis, papiftes, or refaittoris.

Thair is no feole. Ordour thairfor wes takin for intertainement [of] ane in tyme coming. And the famine to be holdin at Liff.

The Kirkes foirfaidis ar vnite be the Commiffioneris of Parliament, and hes in provisioun the vicariag, and fourth of Seone fyue chalder four bollis victuall, befyde xij bollis quibilk Mr. David Lyndefay, minifter at Dundie, hes affigned to him.

Item, it is found, that the gleib of Liff is nocht altogether perfyte. Thair is ane doweatt and peice yaird at Inergourie, and at Logie ane peice land.

The Sessiou.—David Abercrombie of Gowrdie, Thomas Abercrombie of Pitcalpie, Mr. Jhone Ogilvie, etc.

INSHTURE, BENVIE.

Minifter.—Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour, minifter, is found to teach in the kirk of Inshture befor noon, and in Benvie afternoon. Item, to hold the sessioun efter fermone. Being removed, wes allowed; alwayes the parochinaris of Inshture regraitted that be the fervice of Benvie he is distracted, and craved that he might be addicted haillie to thame. It is concludit, that the Constable of Dundie, patrone of Benvie, be dealt with [for] provyding the same be it self. And Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour is cited *apud acta* to compeir befor the Synode approching, that he may tak him to ether of the two kirkes and discharge the vther.¹

Scole.—Thair is ane feole tawcht be Jhone Armour, who being removed for tryell, wes allowed. For intertainement of whome, it is concludit, that evrie ane within the parochine who labouris ane pleugh-gaitt of land fall pay yeirlie twentie s., befyde the ordinar quarter paymentis.

Item, thei exhibited thair Sessioune buik and remanent regifters.

No noncommunicantis, excommunicatis, papiftes, witches, etc.

Provisioun.—The Kirk is of the Pryorie of St. Andros, having in stipend sex chalder victuall with the vicariage.

Sessiou.—The Laird of Moncurr, the Laird of Incheture, Georg Kynnaird of Clachindarg, &c.

¹ Mr. Alexander afterwards chose to remain at Incheture, and Benvie was declared vacant.

FORGOUND.

Mr. Robert Rind, minister, is found to be resident; to teach twyfe on the Saboth, his text A&t 24. He is ordained to catecheis in the efternoone, and to hold the Seffioune efter fermone befor noon, exceptand in Sommer, betwix Rude day and Michaelmes, to hold [Seffioune] efter catecheis in the efternoon. Item, that he beginne his fermone at half hour to ten. Being removed for tryell, is allowed.

The regiffers being exhibited, wer delyverit to be fichted be Mrs. Georg Haitlie and Jhone Duncane.

Provisioun.—The kirk is of the Pryorie of St. Andros, having in stipend four chalders aittes, two chalders nyne bollis quheitt, and the vicariage, quhilk he is ordained to tak *in corporibus*.

Scole.—It is found, that thei haue ane commoune scole tawcht be Jhone Still.

Seffioune.—James Monorgownd of that Ilk, Robert Rollok of Murtown, James Fyff of Dronne. &c.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRKES OF MAINS, MONYFUTH, AND
MURHOUS, AT MONIFUTH 5 SEPT. 1613.

MAINS, STRIKMARTINE.

Mr. William Raitt, minister at Mains and Strikmartine, is found to teach in the kirk of the Mains befor noone on the Saboth, and in Strikmartine efternoon: text, Luke 24. Removed for tryell, was allowed.

It is thoct meit and concludit, that in tyme comeing, he fall teach befor noone *alterius vicibus* in the faidis kirkes, and catecheis the people of that kirk wheir he teachis, conveining for that effect in the efternoon. And he that is Scolemafter fall read the prayeris to that kirk from whilk the minister is absent.

Dirifioune.—My Lord Archbishop is to deall with the burgh of Edinburgh, that Strikmartine may be planted be itself. Siclyk, Mrs. Andro Clayhills and Henrie Duncane ar ordained to deall [with] the parochinaris

of Mains and heritouris, that thei may grant to him yeirlie theis thrittein bollis viſtuall whilk is ſuſpendit indureing the lyftym of Mr. Robert Bruce : wheirwith the miniſter being ſatiffeit, may altogether leane off from ſerv- ing Strikmartine.

Scole.—Item, thei haue ane commoune ſeole taweht be Jhone Petrie.

The kirk of Mains is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, having in ſtipend four chalder meill, half chalder beir, half chalder aittes; and thrittein bollis viſtuall as yet noch poſſeſſt, but ſuſpendit induring Mr. Robert Bruce his lyftyme. William Bruce poſſeſſes the vicariage, being provydit thairto of old.

Strikmartine belongeth to the burgh of Edinburgh, and hes in ſtipend four ſeoir fibs.

MURHOUS.

Mr. Henrie Duneane, miniſter, is found to teach on the Saboth befor noone: text, A&. 5; bot hes no ordinar catechiſing, becaus thair is no meiting throcht defawlt of vptaking the penalties. For amendement wheirof, it is ordained, that ane commiſſioun be rayſed for executing the Acts of Parliament to my Lord Balmerinocht, the Laird of Powrie, Alexander Fotheringham, William Guthrie, and the miniſter: the foirnamed four promiſed to accepte.

Lykas, it is concludit be commoune advyſe, that in tyme comeing the heritour abſent from fermone or catechiſing ſhall pay 6 ſ. 8 d.; the huſbandman two ſ.; the ſervant or cotterman 12 d. *toties quoties*.

The miniſter and ſeſſioun dilated David Fotheringham, ane profaner of the Saboth day, and drunkard, noncommunicant, contemner of the miniſtrie, who lykwayes vpon the 15 day of Auguſt laſt bypaſt, paſt to mereatt, being the Saboth day, and having fold his wyff, thairvpon fell in ploy. For the foirſaidis filthie crymes he is to be charged to the High Commiſſioun.¹

Item, thair being no ſeole, it is concludit that ane ſcolemaſter be pro-

¹ This is the only inſtance which the Editor has obſerved in Scotland of a practice not uncommon among the loweſt vulgar in England, even at the preſent day, founded on the abſurd notion that a man may lawfully ſell his wife, provided he does ſo in the open market, with a halter around her neck.

vydit, for whois intertainement the minifter willinglie offred yeirlie four merkis money; and with commoun advys and confent, it is ordainit and concludit further, that everie ane within the faid parochine labouring ane pleweh gaitt of land fall pay yeirlie to the feolemafter threttien fhillings four d., and ilk bairne within the parochine taweht within the feole, fall pay quarterlie 6 ſ. 8 d.

The kirk is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, having in ftipend fex chalders thrie bollis victuall, and the vicariage. The minifter is difcharged to fett any tack thair of vnder paine of deprivatione.

The Seffioneris prefentlie admitted: my Lord Balmerinocht, Laird of Ogilvie, Alexander Fotheringham, William Guthrie of Weftgrange, &c.

MANIFUITH.

Mr. Andrew Clayhillis, minifter, is found to teach twyfe on the Saboth: text Luke 6. It is concludit, that he fall teach anis and catecheis ane portioune of the parochine in the efternoon, and for that effect the parochine to be divydit in quarteris. The minifter being removed wes approved.

Thair being no feole for inſtructione of the yowth, it is concludit, that ane feolemafter be provydit, for whois intertainement it is concludit, with commoun advys and confent, that evrie ane within the faid parochine labouring ane pleweh gaitt of land, fall pay yeirlie to the feolemafter 13 ſ. 4 d., and ilk bairne within the parochine taweht within the feole fall pay quarterlie 6 ſ. 8 d.

The mans and gleib ar perfyte.

It is concludit, according to Gods word and aets of the Kirk, that all laboureris on the Saboth, in any tyme of yeir, fall mak publick repentans.

The minifter and feffionne meinit to my Lord Archbithop, and ſhew that the brigg of Monyfuith wes liekle to ruine, and craved that his Lordſhip wold gif advys for preventing the fame. It is thairfor concludit, that the fame be motioned in the next Synode.

The Seffionne.—William Durhame of Grange, Henrie Ramfay of Ardowny, William Durhame of Vmmochy, &c.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROS, WHILK
LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE SAID CITIE VPON THE
FYFT AND SEXT DAYES OF OCTOBER 1613, BE THE RYCHT REVEREND
FATHER IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROS.

Seffio 2^{da}. in scolis Salvatorianis.

Huntly.—Anent the proceeding with the Marquis of Huntlie, my Lord Archbifhop fhew, that he had yeildit almoft in all the headis of religioun : and had, befor the Kings Majestie, certaine of the Bifhops of Ingland, and the Bifhop of Brechine, fufcryved the fame, and reftef only vnrevolved in the mater of the Sacrament. Atour my Lord Archbifhop prefented to the Synode ane letter dire& from the Marqueis, and craved thair advys thairanent. The tenour of the letter followes :

MY HONOURABLE GOOD LORD,

I have writin this present only to put your Lordship in memorie, according to his Majesties directioun, that it wold pleis your Lordship, at this conventioun, to gif me suspensioun of my excommunicatione during my residens in Ingland and awayting on his Majesties service thair ; quhilk I hoip your Lordship will geitt effectuate at this tyme. I thought to haue come sowth myself to haue conferrit with your Lordship, bot I find my self sompart diseasit since my last coming from the Hielandis, quhilk is the occasioun that I may nocht travill for the present. Swa, my loving dewtie remembritt, I will your Lordship most loving at all power.

Sic subscribitur

HUNTLYE.

At Huntlie this 2 of October.

The Synode advyfes my Lord Archbifhop to direct ane letter to his Majestie, bearing that vpon the Marqueis his fufcriptionne alredy giffen, first, in this countrey, and next in [his] Hienes prefens, the confequentis and effectis of his excommunicatione be difpensit with, and the said Marqueis be licenciato to repair to his Majestie and lieges, as also be present at the publi& prayeris of the Kirk, vntill the next Synode to be holdin in this place, God willing ; but with expres provisioun, that no benefite be granted to him be the Kirk of Ingland, speciallie that he be nocht ad-

mitted to the Sacrament of the Lordis Supper, vntill he be formallie absolved from excommunicatioun be the Kirk of Scotland.

Erroll.—Ancnt the Earle of Erroll, who lyes as yet excommunicate, it is concludit, that for winning him, if it be possible, he salbe requyred to heir confens of such brethren as salbe appoynted thairto, repair to the heiring of the Word and publi& prayeris of the Kirk, and vpon the performans of the saidis conditiones, his excommunicatioun to be dispensed with in the effectis and consequentis: vtherwayes, vpon his refusall of the premiffes, it is concludit, that his Majestie be dealt with to remove him aff the countrey, and executing vpon him, as is preseryved in the actis of Parliament; as also, that straitt inhibitioune be renewit to all persons that thei resort nocht vnto him. And to this effect, Mrs. Patrik Lindesay and Robert Howie ar ordained to attend him on Thursday next, and to deall with him as said is; and incas thei premove nothing, my Lord Archbishop is to adverteis the Exercises with diligens, that the excommunicatione may be intimat of new.

Craighall.—Item, thei ar ordained to conveine befor thame the Laird of Craighall, and charge [him] vnder paine of censures of the Kirk, to caus his children repair to the kirk and refaue the sacrament.

Gicht.—My Lord Archbishop reportit, that the Laird of Gicht hes enterit in dealing with the Kirk, for his resolutioun is confyned be the Lordis of High Commiffioun to remaine within St. Andros, and conferre with certaine brethren nominate for that effect vntill Candlemes next: and incas of his nocht resolutioun at the said day, found cautioune vnder the paine of ten thowfsand merkis to pas aff the countrey. Qubairvpon thei had, in thair said commiffioun, fuspendit his excommunicatioun to the said day.

A. Anfruther.—The Exercies of Kirkaldie haue giffen no dittay againt Agnes Anfruther, fufpect of witchcraft. They ar ordainit to colle& what thei may haue, and fend the same, with thair moderatour and anc of thair brethren, within 15 dayes, to my Lord Archbishop.

Kilmanie.—Ancnt the mans of Kilmanie, Thair being some of the parochinaris who offer to contribute for building the same, the minister is advyfed to tak what he may haue be that meane; and in the meantyme is ordainit to be instant in the work himself.

Gray.—Mr. Andro Mortowne, be his letter, shew that my Lord Gray will demolish such of the paintrie as is offenſiue ; and that his ſervantis ar to communicate within fyftein dayes.

Seff. 3^a.

Act Regijters.—Thair being no regijters maid be the particular Exerceifes of the eſtate and designationes of the manſes and gleibis within thair boundis, with thair marches and mithes, as wes concludit in the former Affemblic, It is ordained, as befoir, that ilk Exerceis provyde ane, and preſent the ſame to the next Synode, bearing ſuch as thei may haue : as alſo, that thei try out ſuch as haue fett mans or gleib.

Mr. James Row.—Anent the censure of Mr. James Row, miniſter at Kilſpindie, referrit from the viſitatione of the ſaid kirk, the Synode rebuikes him grauelie, and admoniſhed him nocht to frequent the burgh of Perth.

Mr. William Withart, Fettercairne.—Anent the ſupplicatione giſſen in be Mr. William Withart, miniſter at Fettercairne, craving in effect, that ſeing he hes ſervit heirtfoir in the miniſtrie with ſuch ſmall proviſiounes as nocht being able to intertaine him and his familie ; whairthrocht he hes bein constrained to dilapidate his awin patrimonie ; as alſo, that throcht inlaik of ane mans, whairvpon he may be reſident at the ſaid kirk, he is oftymes compellit to travell to the preiudice of his health : Thairfoir libertie may be giſſen to him of tranſportatione to any vther place wherto it ſhall pleis God and this Kirk to call him. The Synode, knowing the veritie of the premiſſes, grantis vnto him libertie as ſaid is ; and, in the meantyme, ordaines that the Moderatour of the Merns ſhall viſite the ſaid kirk, deſigne the mans and gleib thairof, and caus build the mans *primo quoque tempore*.

Regrait Justice of Peace.—Anent the greiff proponit by divers Exerceiſes, that thair particular congregations ar orderit be ane charge from the Juſtices of peace, and commandit to pay certane ſowmes forth of the readieſt of the ſilver collected to thair awin poor, to ſuch uſe as the ſaidis Juſtices haue appoynted the ſame to ; quherby the poor anis wilbe gytim-

lie prejudged, and the charitie of men abſtracted; The Synode concludit, that Mrs. Jhone Mitchelfone, Alexander Glaidſtanis, and Robert Buehanan fall go to my Lord Chancelour, and in thair name craue that no horning haue place againſt the miniſtrie in the aſtioune, till firſt thei be heard befor the Counſell. Item, that ane letter be directed to the Laird of Bogie that no horning be vſed till the Juſtices of peace convein. At the quhilk tyme, commiſſioun is giſſen to Mrs. Jhone Dykis, Jhone Gillaspie, William Scott, William Cranſtowne, and Robert Roch, with expres mandate to attend that meiting of the ſaidis juſtices in Coupar, vpon the firſt Tyſday of November, propone ſuch reaſones as God ſhall furniſh to thame, and deall that no ſuch exaſtioune be impoſed.

Bridge, Monyfuith.—The Synode, conſidering how profitable the Bridge of Monyfuith is, and neceſſar to the countrey, hes concludit, that the brethren of this Synode fall recommend the eſtate and help thair of to thair parochins when it ſalbe requyred.

Aſt plantation.—Item, it is concludit, that when any kirk within this Synode fall happin to vaik, ane cair ſalbe had of ſuch as being alreadie enterit in the miniſtrie ar evill provydit, that thei be preferrit to expectantis, and recommendit to be preſented to his Majeſtie.

THE VISITATIONE OF THE KIRKES OF INNERARITIE AND MATHIE.

8 APRIL, 1614.

Tryell, Miniſter.—Mr. David Williamſon, miniſter, is found to have bein admitted to the miniſtrie be Mrs. Jhone Ramſay and Jhone Rigg; reſident in the new mans of Inneraritie; teachis ordinarlie in winter at Inneraritie, and in ſommer *alternatis vicibus*; his text, the Epiſtle to Philemon; keepis the Seſſioun in the efternoone: Being removed, it was regraitted, that he teachis not in the kirk of Mathie.

Thair ar nane ſuſpect of witchcraft or adulterie. Na noncommunicantis or excommunicatis.

Proviſioun.—The proviſioun of the kirkes. Inneraritie, Mr. David is perſone and vicare thair of. The Laird of Powrie Fotheringhame, tackif-

man, paying in dewtie thrie hundreth merkis money. Mathie, ane kirk of the abbacie of Coupar, whairto is affigned 200 merkis and ane chalder of meill, whilk is nocht haillie possessed.

It is ordained, that the roll of the poor of both parochins be takin vp, and the poor provydit for.

At the Kirk of Erroll, 10 April, 1614.—Mr. Jhone Strange, ane of the regentis of St. Leonards college, admitted to the holy miniftrie within the said kirk.

Scole.—Item, for intertainement of ane scole for educatione of the youth of the parochine in tyme comming, it is concludit, be commoune consent of the gentlemen, heritouris, eldaris, deacons, and parochinaris present, That evrie [person] occupying ane pund land fall pay yeirlie to the scolemaister 13 s. 4 d., and ilk bairne taweht in the scole fall pay quarterlie 10 s.

At the Kirk of Fowles, 11 April.—Mr. Henrie Futhie, minister at Kin-nell, having libertie of transpotatione, was admitted to the miniftrie of the Kirkis of Fowles and Lundie.

THE SYNODE OF THAT FAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS WHICH
LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, THE 3D
AND 4TH OF MAY, 1614.

Sessio 2^a

Huntlie.—It is reported, that the Marqueis of Huntlie is past aff the countrie into Ingland.

Erroll.—Item, my Lord Archbifhop reported, that the moderator and brethren of the Exerecis of Turreff had giften testimonie to the Earle of Erroll anent the heiring of the Word reverentlie, and conferens thairvpon; as also, of the good hoip thei had of further to be done be him: Quhairvpon further continowation had bein giften to the said Earle. The testimonie foirfaid wes redd and confiderit; the Synode advyfes the Archbifhop, efter the expyryng [of] the day granted alreadie to the said Earle, to grant

no further continowatione except he giff some gryter evidens that he will conforme him self.

Memor.—Item, florsamikle as dyvers papistes haue, fra tyme to tyme, vpon hoip of thair conuersione, procured delayes of the excentiounie of the lawes against thame, nevertheles ar nocht thairby amendit, bot rather moir indured, It is concludit, that ane generall letter be directed to the Kings Majestie, Seceitt Counsell, and Lordis of High Commiffiounne, desyreing that no further continowatione be granted to such, but that the lawes may be executt against thame, at leist thei removed of the countrey.

Agnes Anstruther.—The Exerceis of Kirkaldie having as yet giffen no dittay against Agnes Anstruther, suspect of witchcraft; for the whilk thei ar rebuked; and ordained to put it *in mundo*, and delyver the same to Mrs. Robert Buchannane, William Buchannane, and Henrie Philp, that thei may sie it, and report to the conferens.

Paintrie Fowles.—It is reported, be Mr. Henrie Futhie, that my Lord Gray, hauing presentlie workmen, hes promised to abolish the paintrie in the kirk of Fowles. The said Mr. Henrie is ordained to vrge performans thairof, and to report the said 17 day of Maij.

Th. Lawmonth.—Item, it is reported, that Mr. Thomas Lawmonth is planted in the ministrie at the kirk of Seony.

Sess. 3^a

Questio of desertione.—Anent the questioune proponit to the Synode, as followes: Ane married man being fugitive for ane alledged cryme, and having deserted his wyff the haille space of elevine yeiris, and seing thair is no certaintie of his death or lyff; *queritur*, if the benefite of mariage may be granted to his wyff, carnistlie suitting the same? It is answerit *affirmatiuè*, efter proces deulie led as followes, viz. That the pairtie pursuèd be summoned be thrie severall summondis *successiuè*, at the parochie kirk, whair he had his last residens, the mercatt croce of the head burgh of the shyre whairin the said parochin lyes, and at the pear of Leyth, to compeir befor the Archbithop. at ane certaine day and place, to heir and sie the persone defendar decernit to haue malitioufflie deserted his said spous, if

he be alyue, or els to be departed this lyff: And, in any of the foirfaidis cafes, the pairtie perfewar to be decernit to haue libertie to marie as ane frie perfone in the Lord. Evrie ane of the faidis citationes *ſuccelluè* to be vpon thrie ſcoir dayes *excluſiuè*; whilk being dewlie ſerved, and no compeirans of the pairtie perfewed, or any of his faidis freindis in his name, alledgeand ane reaſonable caus why decreitt ſowld nocht be giffen as faid is, decreitt is to be giffen in favour of the pairtie perfewar, granting libertie to marie in the Lord, as is aboue expremit.

Ag. Anſruther.—Is. Jhoneſon.—The brethren appoynted to fight the dittayes giffen againſt Agnes Anſruther, reported, that the dittayes proue her to haue been ane abuſer of the people; and that thei find ane gryt dittay againſt Iobell Jhoneſtowne. Seing the faid Agnes is preſentlie in Edinburgh, the Lordis of Seceitt Counſell ar to be dealt with for cauſing apprehend her, and put her to an aſſiſe. And ſeing the Iobell Jhoneſtowne is in Newburgh, my Lord Archbiſhop is to deall with my Lord Lundores for charging her to vnderly the law.

Pententis reſolrit.—Compeirit in ſackloth Jonet Wilſone, inceſtuouſ, in the parochine of Markiſh; Conſtantine Browne, adulterer in the parochine of Inſtute; James Kinninmonth, inceſtuouſ; all having fatiſſeit the diſcipline of thair kirkes, wer abſolved.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNODE HOLDIN IN THE CHAPELL OF THE CASTELL
OF ST. ANDROIS, VPON THE SEXT DAY OF MAY, 1614.

Auent Minijters, etc.—Quhairas it is motioned, that ſome miniſteris hes nocht celebrate the communion vpon the day appoynted be his Maieſtie, becaus it wes Eaſterday, It is ordained, that the hail Biſhopis of the province ſhall try what miniſteris thei ar who hane omitted the ſame; and eyther thame ſellis inſlicte cenſure vpon thame of ſuſpenſioun or deprivatione; or then gif advertiſment to the faid Archbiſhop that he may puniſh thame accordingle.

Huntly.—Item, it is concludit, that ane humble ſupplicatioun be maid to his Maieſtie for taking finall ordour with the Marqueis of Huntly, who

is now in way to Court: for feing all the rest of the papistes depend vpon his example, and that his Majestie hath bein ane good instrument him self of his begunne conversioun, it is thoct meit, for his Majesties consciens and honour, that that purpos be no longer delayed, but that he may be fullie reconciled to the Kirk, or then removed aff the countrey.

Erroll, etc.—Albeit his Majestie hes appoynted fundrie dayes long bypast for removeing the Earle of Erroll, the Lairdis of Gicht, and Newtoun, aff the countrey incaice of nocht conformitie, and that we haue giffen our consent to the Privie Counsell to delay mony monethis and yeiris, and to suffer thame [to] abyde in the countrey in the hoip of thair conversioun; since we find that thir prorogationes work no good, It is humble to be meinit to his Majestie, that commandement may be giffen both to the Chancellour and Archbithop of St. Androis, that thei gif no longer delay. But, incaice thei conforme nocht thame selfis befor the last day of Junie, whilk is thair last dyet, that thei eyther may be removed aff the countrey, or put in clois waird.

It is also advyfed, be the haill prelati and brethren, that such of thame as haue voytt ether in Councell or High Commissioun fall nocht consent to any further continowatioun of the saidis persones, vtherwayes to be esteemed slack and cairles in the service of God and of the Kings Majestie. Referring alwayes to the Kings Majestie him self his royall power to command in theis maters, as to his incomparable wisdome falbe thoct fittest.

Item, that in respect of the Earle of Sutherland his long disobediens and obstinacie, the Kings Majestie will grant to him no further delay. But, incaice he enter not into St. Androis, and hear the Word preacht, and conferens, that he may be put aff the countrey, or put into clois waird.

Rentallis.—Item, it is ordained, that the haill Bishops fall gif vp the Rentallis of thair awin benefices, and of thair chaptoures, betwix this and Martimes next; and fall try, who haue sett tackis, or dilapidate the same.

Commissaris.—Item, becaus some of the Commissaries, who are ecclesiastick iudges, ar scandalous in thair lyffes, and some haue lyen yeir and day at the horne, It is ordained, that sa many commissaries, as haue nocht

obtained ane testimoniall of the Lordis of the Seffioune of thair qualificatione and habilitie, fall, according to the Aët of Parliament, be cited befor thair Ordinar, with some learned and wyse men, thair affeours, to the effect that, efter dew tryell, thei may be removed, and lawfull persons put in thair rowme.

Chanons.—Item, forsamikle as it is ane intollerable corruption that laik persons, having no calling or function in the Kirk, fowld brook the places of chanons, and ecclesiastick dignities in Bishops chaptoures, It is thought meitt, that all such persons salbe cited befor the Lordis of the High Commisshoune, and ordour takin with thame, according to iustice and reasone.

Act, Drunkardis.—Item, for restraining the filthie aët of drunkennes, it is to be humble beggit of his Majestie, that ordour may be giffen to the Privie Counsell to direct letteres for publicatione of the aët and constitutione vnderwritten, viz. That any man being convict of drunkennes fallbe, for the first tyme, admonithed be the ecclesiastick iudge, that is to say, be the Archbishop, Bishop, High Commisshoune, or Seffioune of the Kirk, and pay ane penaltie of 6 s. 8 d.; for the second tyme, he fall make publick repentans, and pay 40 s.; and for the thrid tyme, salbe punished with ecclesiastick censure, and fyned in all things as fornicatoris ar ordained to be punished be the Aët of Parliament: the ane half thair of to be furthecommand to the Kings thesaurarie, the vther half dedicate *ad pios usus* be the discretioun of the said ecclesiastick iudges, who fall happin to try and convict the persons foirfaidis.

Brethren confynged.—That humble supplicatione be maid to the Kings Majestie for directing the Seerett Counsell to gif ane licence to Mrs. William Row, Jhone Carmichael, William Scot, William Watfone, and Jhone Scrymgeour, to repair to thair ordinar ecclesiastick iudgementis, and releiving thame from thair confynging.

Commissioneris to the Provinciall.—Item, It is statute and ordained, that whatsoever persone provydit to the chaptour kirkes within the diocies of this province, being requyred be the Bishop of the diocie to keep the provinciall meetings from yeir to yeir, refusies to doe the same, fall pay the fowme of fourtie libs. penaltie for thair disobediens: whilk fowme the Bishop of the diocie is ordained to vplift preceillie from the delinquentis.

And if fall happin that the perfones whome the biſhop ſhall requyre (as moſt meitt) to be preſent at the aſſemblies foirſaidis, to be ſo meinlie provydit that thei ar nocht able to repair, as ſaid is, without thair gryt hurt and preiudice, in that caice, the remanent of the diocie ſhall contribute for defraying of his charges. And this act to haue executione vpon ſuch within the diocie of Murray, as being requyred to come, haue refuſed.

3 *Julij*, 1614.—[Mr. James Carmichael younger admitted miniſter at the kirk of Elftanfuir.]

28 *Auguj*, 1614.—[Mr. David Meldrume planted in the miniſtrie at the kirk of Eglifgreig.]

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS, WHICH LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN WITHIN THE GRYT SCHOLES OF ST. SALVATOURIS COLLEGE, WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, VPON THE 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER 1614.

Scff. 3^o

Effie Nevay.—For ſervice of the kirkes of Effie and Nevay, it is concludedit, that in tyme comming the parochinaris ſhall conveine two Sabothes at Effie, and the thrid at the kirk of Nevay.

1. *Anſtruther*.—They who haue intereſte ar to confer with my Lord Archbiſhop anent Agnes Anſtruther, and [Iſobell] Jhoneſtonne, dilated for witchcraft.

Erroll.—*Roffie*.—It is reported, that the Sabboth day is profained in Erroll be holding of ane mercatt thairvpon: The miniſter is ordained to diſcharge all mercatt, vnder the paine of the cenſures of the Kirk and of excommunicatione, and thairafter to proceed againſt ſuch as ſhalbe found to tranſgres. This in lykmaner to be intimate into the kirkes next adjacent, with the lyk certificatione. Atour, that the miniſter of Roffie tak ordour with the walkeris in his parochine, that thei procure nocht the Sabboth to be violate, vnder the lyk cenſure to be inflicted vpon thame.

Bruntiland.—Item, it is thoct offenſive that in the kirk of Bruntiland.

being ane eminent place, thair is no do&trine on the Saboth in the efternoon; quhairanent the brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ar to tak ordour, and for that effe&t call Mr. William Watfone befor thame; against whilk, if he fall tak exceptioun be reafone of his confyning, the Synode declares the fame nocht to be relevant.

THE SYNODE HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS 3D AND 4TH OCT. 1615.¹

Discipline.—The Synode earniftlie defyris the Archbifhop, with advyfe of the Bifhopis and vther learned brethren, to take ordour for fetting downe ane vniformitie of Difcipline.

Ladyes Parbroth and Craighall.—It is reported from the Exerceis of Coupar, that the Ladyes of Parbroth and Craighall haue fubferyved the Confeffioun of Fayth, and giffen thair oathes thairvpon. They ar ordained to continow in dealling with thame, that thei may repair to the kirk for heiring the Word, and that thei communicate, and to proceed againft thame thairvpon.

Paintrie Fowles.—*Lord Gray.*—It is reported, that as yet the paintrie ftandis in the kirk of Fowles, whilk wes ordainit to be abolifhed; the Synode, yet as befor, ordains the minifter, with affiftans of the Bifhop of Ros (if neid beis), to deleitt the fame. And forfamikle as my Lord Gray, vpon fome occafiones, did not communicate when the communion wes celebrate laft in the parochiue, the minifter is ordained to miniftrate the communione in the faid kirk betwix and Martimes nextocome, and to mak dew advertifment to my Lord thairof.

Vifitationis.—It is ftatute and ordained, that heirafter evrie Moderatour, affifted be fa many of the brethren as falbe thocht meitt, fhall vifiteanis in the yeir all the kirkes within the boundis of thair Exerceis.

Seff. 3^a 4 Oct.

Catecheis.—The Synode having confideratioun of the gryt neid that

¹ Two folios, 128 and 129, are wanting in the Register, which makes a hiatus between Oct. 1614 and Oct. 1615.

both pastors and people haue to grow in knowledge, ordaines that evrie minifter fall catecheis weeklie ane part of his parochine; and heirvpon fall thei be inquyred in the weeklie meitings, as also concerning their ordinar and private studies for the incres of thair knowledge.

Dunfermeling.—Item, the Synode, confidering deeplie the largenes of the congregatioun of Dunfermeling, having moe then two thowfsand communicantis, and weaknes and infirmitie of Mr. Androw Frofter, minifter, vnable to bear fo gryt ane burthen alane, thinkis it altogether neidfull that ane vther be ioyned with the said Mr. Androw in the miniftrie at the said kirk. For procuring whairof, it is ordainit, that my Lord Archbifhop and Mr. Robert Roch fall deall with my Lord Chancellour for his Lordships furtherance heirto. Lykas, the brethren of the Exerecis thair fall deall with the parochianis for thair concurrans. Finallie, willed my Lord Archbifhop to provyde ane qualesified man, and to plant him befoir the next Synode.

[Mr. James Bedie admitted to the miniftery of Aberluthnott.]

[Mr. Lawrens Skynner admitted minifter at Dunlappie on the preeinct of the Exerecis of Breehine.]

[Mr. Androw Allane admitted to the kirk of Clovay.]

Purgatio canonica.—Anent fiek perfones as lye vnder the felander of adulterie, inceft, or fielyk hynous crymes, and can nocht be broght to the confeffionne of the fame, it is declared be the Synode, that the brethren of the Exerecis quhair it fall happine the offens to be, vpon vehement and weyghtie prefumptiounes dewlie confiderit be thame, may vrge the partie scandalous to gif thair purgatiounne folemnelie: And incas of refusal fall may hold thame for grantand, and proceed againft thame.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PART OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS WHILK LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE SAID CITIE, 2D AND 3D APRYLE, 1616.

Scff. 2^{da}

Pairtrie. Fowles.—The minifter of Fowles reported, that the pairtrie

ftandeth as yet vndelett in the faid kirk ; as alfo, that he having requyred my Lord Gray befor Martimes laftbypaft to communicate, he had failzied ; quhairvpon the miniſter maid advertiſement to my Lord Archbiſhop. The Synode finds fawlt with him for that he has nocht put away the paintrie, and ordaines him, befor the laſt day of this infant, to abolifh the fame, vnder paine of the cenſures of the Kirk, and to requyre the aſſiſtans of the Biſhop of Roſs if neid beis.

Supplic.—Anent the ſupplicatione proponed be Mr. Williame Wedderburne, miniſter at Dundie, makand mentione, that whairas the Lordis of his Hienes Privie Counſell being certanelie informed that Andrew Robertſone, Jhone Cowie, Jhone Dauling, James Pratt, and their complices, marineris, indwellaris in Leyth, being laitlie vpon the coaſt of Barbarie, eſter ane cruell and bloodie conſliſt, overcome and led into captivitie be certane merciles Turkes, who preſented thame to open mercatt at Argiers in Barbarie, to be ſawld as ſlaves to the cruell barbarians ; from the whilk miſerable eſtate James Fraſer, now reſident in the faid towne of Argiers, moved with pitie and compaſſioun, redeimit thame by the preſent payment of ane hundreth and fourtie ſibs. ſterling money for their ranſome, to be repayed be the ſaidis captiues at ane terme now approachand, who nochtwithſtanding are reduced to ſuch extreme povertie, that thei ar nocht able to repay the faid ſowme : Quhairvpon thair Lordſhips haue, by thair lettres patentis, recommended the ſaidis diſtreſſed travelleris to the charitie of all our ſoveraine Lordis ſubjectis, as the ſamine, of the daitt at Edinburgh the 21 Decembar 1615, at mair length bearis : craved thairfoir that this Synode wold hald hand to that ſo charitable ane worke, and provyde that the ſupport and benevolens granted within thair boundis may be collectid in ſick forme as may beſt ſerve for the confort and relieff of the foirnamed diſtreſſed. The Synode, conſidering the equitie of the premiſſis, and that thei haue, fra tyme to tyme, being moved with pitie, ſupported ſtrangeris who haue fought to thame for releiff in ſick caſe, being moir obleiſſit to thair awin bowellis : as alſo that the fruſtrateing of the ſaid James Fraſer of his money, ſo lovinglie advanced for thair redemptionne, may efterward be preiudiciall to vthers falling in the lyk eſtate, whilk God forbid ; Thairfore concludit and ordained that evrie

brother, immediatlie efter thair returne from the Synode, fall deall cairfullie and earnestlie with thair people, and bring in to the Moderators of the Exerceises according as thei fall obtaine be thair benevolens; and that the Moderatoris of the Exerceises within Fyff fall refaue the contrioutiounes at the handis of thair brethren, and delyver the same to the Principall of St. Leonares college, and the remanent fall delyver the same to the minifteris of Dundie, that it may be employed to the vse aboue ex-premit.

Regijter.—It is statute and ordained, that the Moderatoures, having power of Visitatione from my Lord Archbifhop, fall procure ane formall regifter to containe nocht onlie thair visitationes, bot also the estate of the mans, gleib, privileges, and moyen of the kirkis within thair boundis, that the famine may be extant to the posteritie.¹

3 Apryle, Sess. 3^a.

Margaret Hakstoune.—Anent the sclander in the parochine of Ebdie, rayfed be occasioun that Margaret Hakstoune, being directed be . . . Kynneir, past to Margaret Law, and beggit health to . . . Clerk, her maister, vpon her knees: The Synode advyfed the Exerceis of Coupar to inioyne censure to the said Margaret Hakstoune as guiltie of giffing and ascriyng to the creature that whilk is proper to the Creator. And to tak tryell of the said . . . Kynneir, whois directioun favoures of witchcraft. And fielyk, the Exerceis of St. Androis, in whois boundis the said Margaret Law is, to deall with the said Margaret, and to gett informatioun from the Exerceis of Coupar.

[Mr. James Raitt, minifter of Kinneff.]

[Mr. Henrie Balfour, minifter of Culleffie.]

[Mr. Alexander Frazer, minifter at Peirt.]

¹ After 1614 there is no record of the visitation of kirkis entered in the Register of the Synod. It is probable, therefore, that the particular Register recommended to be kept for that purpose was accordingly used; but if so, it is now lost. It would have formed a valuable record of the ecclesiastical state of the different parishes at the period.

THE SYNODE HOLDIN IN THE SOWTHE ILE OF THE PAROCHE KIRK
OF ST. ANDREWS, 1ST AND 2D OCTOBER, 1616, BE THE REVEREND
FATHER IN GOD JHONE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Scff. 2^a a meridie.

Inchbryok, Idrie.—The Synode, vpon dyvers weghtie reafones, diffolvis the kirkes of Idvie and Inchbryok from the Exercifes of Forfar and Brechine *refpective*, and annexes thame to the Exerceis of Arbroth.

Kynneir.—The Synode advyfes the Exerceis of Coupar to put Kynneir (who advyfed Margret Hackftoune to afk health on her knees for her maifter from Margaret Law) to publiſt repentans in the ftoles of the kirkes of Ebdie and Creich, whair the felander is.

Tryell of the Exerceis of St. Andros.

Jho. Ramfay.—It is found, that Margaret Ramfay, wha bear ane bairne in inceft to her father, Jhone Ramfay of Pryorletham, is apprehendit, and that the faid Jhone hes refavit all admonitiounes requiſite befor excommunication; thairfoir, Mr. Alexander Gladftaines is ordained to pronounce the ſentens the next Sabbath.

M. Law.—It is found, that thei haue done nothing in the tryell of Margret Law, ſuſpect of witchcraft. They ar ordained to caus ſummond her to the firſt day of thair meeting, and ſick of the Exerceis of Coupar as haue knowledg and that purpoſe concerns to be preſent, bringand with thame thair informatiounes.

Tryell of Forfarr.

Cloray.—It is found, that the kirk of Cloray laithlie planted wantis mans and gleib, and that the ſtipend affigned to it is poſſeſſit be Mr. Robert Bruce, who hes ane lyfrent of it. It is thoct meet, that ane letter be directed to the faid Mr. Robert from the Synode for obtaining ſome help to the miniſter who ſervis the cuir, and hes no proviſiounes.

M. Lindeſy.—They ar ordained to gif in the ditty againſt Magdalen Lyndeſy, witch, to the Counfall.

Tryell of the Meris.

Mr. P. Frajer.—It is found, that thei haue proceedit against Mr. Patrick Frajer, who hes begun his repentans, and fo thair proces staves.¹

Marriage, Gentleman and Lundie.—Ordaines[thame] to proclaime the bandis of mariage betuix Jhone Gentleman, in the parochine of Fordowne, and Elspet Lundie, lawfull daughter to Robert Lundie in Benholm, and thair-after to solemnize thair marriage. And finds that the said Elspet, being ravished frome her fathers hous, and violentlie withholdin ane certane tspace be Mr. Patrik Frajer, by whome she wes giffen over and delyverit into the handis of Mr. Robert Wythart, who lykwayes violentlie deteinit her, thall nocht be holdin to mak any publiè satisfactioun, in respect of her rapt foirfaid, knowen evidentlie to all: To the purfuitt whairof, the Synode thinks it nocht meet that the father be vrged, bot that he haue libertie to do thairin as he fall think convenient.

Seff. 3^a

Support of Coupar.—The Synode, vnderstanding that vpon the last day of August lastbypast, about xj hours at night, it pleased the Lord to visite the burgh of Coupar with ane fearfull burneing of ane principall quarter of the towne in the most eminent place of the samine, quhairby the policie of that ancient necessarrie burgh is miserablie defaced, the handling of traffecquaris and tradifinen within among thame feldis, and with thair nighbouris about, is vtterlie impedit, and ane gryt number of good christians and laborious persons broght vnder distreßfull heavines and want of employment, in sick measure that the said towne be thame feldis ar nather able to support thair present necessities of lodging and means of lyff, nether to repair the policie, nor to restoir thair desolate nighbouris to thair wounted handling and trades agane; and being, as it is knowen, the head burgh of the shyre, and the seatt of the Exerceis, thair desolatioun, so as it tuiches

¹ Mr. Patrick had been sentenced by the Synode "to satisfie publictlic in adulterous habite in the kirk of Benholme," for ravishing Elspet Lundie.

thame in particular, fo in chriſtiane compaffioun it concerns all thame that, fearing God, wiſhes the weill and ſtanding of ſick ſocieties: Lykas the Lordis of his Majeſties honorable Privie Counſall having conſidered the ſaid pitiefull caice, hes recommended thair releiffe to all and fundrie his Hienes ſubjectis weill affected in ſick cauſes, be thair Honouris letteris giſſen at Edinburgh the awchtein day of September in this inſtant yeir of God: Heirfore the ſaid Affemblic, with vniforme conſent, ordaines evrie Exerceis and particular congregatioun within thair boundis, to tak the beſt way and ordour among thame ſelfis for releiff of thair ſaid diſtreſſit brethren, with all convenient diligens, at thair returning hameward, by contri- butiounes and vther meanes as thei ſhall find meeteſt.

Fundatione for Studentis in Theologie.—The Synode, moved with ane zeall to glorifie God and intertaine learning, as alſo for obediens of ane A&t of the laitt Generall Affemblic, holdin at Aberdein in the moneth of Auguſt laſtbypaſt, concludit that thei, for thame and thair ſuccesſours, ſhall bind for the interteinement of fyue ſtudentis in Theologie, who ſalbe foundit and maintained vpon thair charges in the New College of St. Androis. Ordained, for this effect, the haill kirkes within the boundis of this Synode to be ſtented, and ane fundatioune to be put in forme, to be ſubſeryued be the miniſteris preſent for thame and thair ſuccesſours. The whilk fundatioune to contain all clauſes neidfull for furtherans of ſo good ane worke, and ſpeciallie that the preſentatioune of the ſtudentis foirſaid ſhall belong to the Archbiſhop and his ſuccesſours in the Synode; and that yeirlic at the Synode the moderatouris of the Exercifes ſalbe auditoris of the compts of the ſaid College ſa farr as ſhall concerne thair ſtudentis foirſaidis. And to the effect the good purpoſe intendit may haue the quicker executioun, the Synode nominated Mr. Archibald [Andro?] Clahills, Mr. William Spalding, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Andro Bennatt, Mr. Andro Mitchelſon, Mr. James Kynniunmonth, Mr. Andro Rynd, Mr. Lownau, Mr. Andro Auchinlek, Mr. Henrie Smyth, Mr. Andro Leſlie, Mr. Georg Mudie, Mr Alexander Fotheringham, Mr. Robert Barclay, to the effect that out of thame four may be choſen be the Rectour of the Vniverſitie and Facultie: who promiſed thairin to do fayth- fullie.

[Mr. Patrik Durhame planted fellow labourer with Mr. Andro Cayhills in the miniftrie of the kirk of Monyfuith.]

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDREWS VPON THE TWA LAST DAYIS OF
APRYLL IN THE YEIR OF GOD 1^M.VI^C. AND SEVINTINE, BE DOCTOR
Hovie, PRINCIPALL OF THE NEW COLLEGE, BY COMMISSION FROM
MY LORD OF ST. ANDROIS TO THAT EFFECT.

It is to be remembrit, in the nixt Synod quhair the Archbifhop falbe prefent, quhat ordour falbe moft commodiouflic taken aient fuch minifters as fervis tua kirkes for planting of baith.

Item, the Archbifhop is to be requested *primo quoque tempore* to advyfe how, at the approaching Parliament, a law and act of parliament may be obtined for vptaking of the penalties of evrie kirk, fo that a pairt thairoff may be imployit for fufentation of the Burfers in Theologie in the New Colledge of St. Androis.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 7 OCT. 1617.

[Mr. David Monipenny minifter at Kempbak, depofed for fornication.]

No ordinar preachers quha have not received ordination.—Item, be commoun confent, it is thocht expedient that publiſt intimation be maid, that nane ſhall have acceſs to be ane ordinar preacher, or a conceiver of publiſt prayer, in any ordinar rown without a lawfull entrie and admiſſion to the miniftrie by impoſition of hands.

The moderatour of evrie Exercife is apoynted to have a roll of evill provydit kirkes within their bounds, and fend the ſam to the Archbifhop within the ſpace of fyftine dayis.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 14 APRIL, 1618.

Communion to be celebrat on Paſche day.—The brethren of the Exercife

of Coupar removed and allowed. Such of them as have not celebrat the holy communion this yeir on Pasche day, according to the ordour and ordinance theiranent, ar commandit exprellie in al tymes heir- efter to celebrat the sam in their awin paroche kirk vpon Pasche day pre- ciefflie, vnder the pain of deprivation from ther ministrie.

[Mr. Robert Buchanan, minifter at Ceres, dead.]

Anent the ryott committed in the kirkyaird of Kinghorn, on a Sunday immediatlie efter divine service, it is apoynted, that the pairtie found and decerned guiltie be the Lords of his Majesties Councell, fall satisfie the discipline of the Kirk.

Anent the directing of Commissioners to the Generall Assemblie, quhen it fall pleis his Majestie to apoynt ane, it was thocht expedient, that such men shalbe nominat furthe of evrie Presbyterie as ar wyfe and discreit, and wil give his Majestie satisfiactioun anent theis artieles proponed be his Hihgnes Commissioners in the laitt Generall Assemblie haldin at St. Androis.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 APRIL, 1619.

The Depositions of such brethren of the Exerciise of St. Androis as have not keepit the ordour in celebrating the holy communion preseryved be the laitt General Assemblie haldin at Pearth; and of the rest of the Ex- ercises:—

Erfkine.—Mr. William Erfkine hes not given the communion accord- ing to the ordinance of the General Assemblie, naither vpon pryd or con- tempt, as he deponed solemnlie, nor for singularitie or any affectation; bot becaus, in the licht of his conscience, he cannot as yet be ytherwyfe resolved. He is exhorted to labour for resolutioun, and studie to conformitie.

Henderfon.—Mr. Alexander Henderfon hes not given the communion according to the preseryved ordour, not of contempt, as he deponed so- lemnlie, bot becaus he is not as yet fullie persuadit of the lawfulness their- of. He is exhorted to fryve to obedience and conformitie.

Tryel of Couper.—An. Bennat.—Mr. Andrew Bennat elder hes not celebrat conforme to the preferyved ordour, becaufe he faw the maift pairt of his people not difpofed to receive it fo. He is exhorted to obferve the ordinance of the Affembly, and to vrge the people to obedience and conformitie; quhilk he promifed to do.

Mackgil.—Mr. Jhone Mackgil hes not obferved the preferyved ordour, becaufe he is not as yet refolved anent the lawfulness of that forme. He hes promifed to vse diligence for his refolution, and was exhorted to do fo.

Bennat.—Mr. Andrew Bennat younger hes not as yet celebrat, becaufe the people wer not examined. He hes promifed to kiep the preferyved ordour and form.

Doughys.—Mr. Thomas Douglas reported, that he gave the elements with his awin hand to al the people, bot not kneeling, becaufe he perceived the people vtherwyfe inelyned. He hes promifed to kiep the preferyved ordour and forme in al poynts, and to vrge his people to conformitie.

Tryel of Kirkaldie.—Tullos.—Mr. Jhone Tullos hes not celebrat according to the ordinance of the Affembly, becaufe he was ignorant of the forme to be kiepit therin; quhairof he is willing to be informed.

Nairn.—Mr. William Nairn hes not obferved the preferyved ordour, becaufe of Mr. Thomas Hog, his fellow laborer in the ministrie, quha will not give obedience to the ordinance of the General Affembly. He is exhorted to conforme himfelf heirefter.

Tryel of the Mercis.—Rait.—Mr. James Rait reported, that his people could not be inducit to communicat according to the preferyved ordour. He hes promifed to conforme himfelf and to vrge obedience.

Mr. Andrew Milne, Mr. Andrew Collace, Mr. Adam Walker, and Mr. Jhone Keith, have kiepit the ordour.

Tryel of Brechin.—They have all kiepit the ordour preferyved be the General Affembly haldin at Peirth in celebration of the communion.¹

Thanksgiving for his Majesties recovery.—It was apoynted that evrie brother in their particular congregations, the nixt Saboth, fal give folemne

¹ So did the Exercises of Arbroath, Dundee, and Perth. A great many of the clergy of the Diocese, however, did not conform. The most remarkable of their excuses are here given.

and publick thanksgiving for the recoverie of the Kings Majestie of a deadlie sicknes, and to pray for the preservation and continuation of his Highes health.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS 5TH OCTOBER, 1619.

Mr. David Dalgleish.—Anent the suit proponed be the brethren of the Exercise of Couper in behalf of Mr. David Dalgleish, that he may be licentiat to help Mr. William Scot in the burdein of the ministrie their, and preach as he did befoir, *per vices*; it was thought altogether vnlawful and contrair to ane act of the General Affembly, and theirfoir refused.

Act anent the burfors in Theologie to be intertanit in the New Colledge of St. Androis.—The quhilke day, for increafing the number of Burfors in Theologie, and for easier and better payment of their buirds, it was concludit be the Archbifhop and Synod, That that pairt of the Diocie of St. Androis benorth Forth fal furnifh and pay yeirly for fex burfors in theologie; of the quhilks the brethren of the Exercifes in Fyff fal pay for thrie burfors; and the brethren of the Exercifes in Angufe, Mernis, and Peirth, for vther thrie burfors yierlie. The brethren of the Exercife of St. Androis fal pay for one yierlie; of Kirkaldie and Dunfermling for one; and of Couper for one burfor: they of Peirth and Dundie for one; they of Arbroath and Mernis for one; and they of Forfar, Brechin, and Miegill for one alfo yeirlie.

Ilk burfor fal haue for thrie quarters buird fourfeoir pundis, viz. for ilk quarter fourtie merks.

And becaufe the brethren of the Exercife of St. Androis, according to the ftent particularlie condifcendit to befoir in the Synod haldin at St. Androis, the [fecond] day of [October] the yeir of God I^mVI^e, and [fifteen] yeirs, and fubferyvit to with their hands in ane contract at the fame tyme maid with the New Colledge, fuld pay yeirly fevin pundis attour and mair nor fourfeoir lib. to intertaine their burfor with; theirfoir, the Moderatour of St. Androis fal pay yeirly the remanent fevin pundis to the Moderatour of Forfar for help of their burfor; and the Moderatour of the Mernis fal

lykwyfe pay fyue pundis to the famen Moderatour of Forfar. Item, the Moderatour of the Exercife of Kirkaldie ſal pay to the Moderatour of the Exercife of Couper yerlie fourteen pundis to mak out fourſcoir ſib. for ilk burſor. The Moderators ſal preſent the burſors to the New Colledge, and ſal vndertak to pay the Œconomus for them yerlie in dew tyme. The Moderatour of the Exercife of Kirkaldie, with the brethren theirow, and the Moderatour of Dunfermling, with the brethren theirow, ſal have the choiſe of the burſor *per vices*; and ſuchlyk, Peirth and Dundie, and Arbroth and Mernis, and Forfar, Brechin, and Miegil: ilk Moderator as ſaid is, ſal mak choiſe courſe about, bot Kirkaldie ſal have twyfe the choiſe, and Dunfermling bot once: Forfar ſal have twyfe the choiſe, and Brechin bot once, and Miegil bot once; becauſe Kirkaldie payis the twa part of the burſors buird, and Dunfermling only the thrid, and Forfar payis mair then baith Brechin and Miegil. The firſt choiſe ſhalbe maid be the Exercifes and their Moderators, according to the ordour that they ar befoir placed, viz. Kirkaldie firſt ſal chuiſe twyfe, and Dunfermling the thrid tyme: Item, the brethren of Peirth firſt, and they of Dundie nixt: Item, they of Arbroth firſt, and they of Mernis nixt: Item, they of Forfar firſt twyfe, nixt they of Brechin once, and laſt they of Miegil once.

Gif the quarter buird extendeth to moir any yeir nor the ſoume of fourtie merks, the brethren having the choiſe and preſentation of the burſor at that tyme ſal pay and mak out the ſuperplus to the Œconomus: and if it be leſs, they ſal alſo have the ſuperplus to be imployit to the burſors uſe.

The burſors alreadie lawfullie placed ſal bruike their place during their four yeirs, at the leaſt ſo many yeirs as ar yet to run of their four yeirs courſe.

Incaice efter tryel of the preſented burſors, or any of them, any ſal be fund vnfit for the place, either from incapablenes to leirn theologie, for dulnes of ingyne, not ſtudyng, or evil maners, they ſal be diſplaced, and another choſen be the Moderator and his brethren having the nixt place of election.

The tryel of them ſhalbe by ſuch as the Archbiſhop and his Synod ſal deput and apoynt to that effect. The Moderators ar apoynted to cauſe

the brethren in their severall Exercifes fuferyve the prefent A&t. And becaufe their is only four burfours placed at this tyme, fo that their remains two vacant places, quhilk four wer prefented be Fyff, it is thought expedient that Angufe, Peirith, and Mernis have the prefentation of theis tua, according to the new overtur propound, and now vniformlie imbraced be al.

A&t for beggers.—The A&t of his Majesties Secret Councel anent the restraining and punifhing of ftrong and idle beggers, was recommendit be the Archbifhop to the Synod, and evrie brother ordainit to mak publication theirof furth of pulpit, and coppies given to evrie ane of them in print to be affixed on their kirk doors; and that evrie brother in his awin congregation hold hand to the diligent execution theirof.

The Archbifhop did verie earneftlie and graivlie intreat the brethren prefent to studie to conformitie in theis things quhilk wer recommendit be his Majestie and concludit be the General Affembly haldin at Peirith, and that they wald fet themfelfs cairefullie to mak the Kirk flourith in peace and quyetnes.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 25TH APRYL, 1620.

Comiffion for brethren not conforme.—The quibilk day, foralfinekill as Mr. William Wifhart, minifter at Fettercarne, Mr. David Mitchel, minifter at Garvok, Mr. Jhone Forret, minifter at Newburne, Mr. David Anderfone, minifter at Ballingrie, Mr. Jhone Chalmer, minifter at Auchterdiray, Mr. Robert Roeh, minifter at Innerkeithing, Mr. William Nairne, minifter at Dyfart, Mr. Robert Murray, minifter at Methven, and Mr. Jhone Gillafpie, minifter at Kirkaldie, have not given obedience to the A&ts of the General Affembly at Peirith, nor as yet declair themfelfs fullie purposed and refolved to become conforme theirvnto; it was ordainit and agreit vpon be vniforme confent of the Synod, that fuch of them as do not conforme betwixt the daitt prefent and the feift and terme of Whitfunday nixt to run, and be refolved to give obedience to the A&ts of the General Affembly, falbe fummarlie depryved of their miniftrie.

And for that effect nominate my Lord of Brechin, the Rector of the Universitie, Dr. Robert Hovie, Dr. Henrie Philp, Mr. Jhone Guthrie, Dr. Jhone Strang, Mr. Ninian Drummond, Dr. James Eliot, Mr. Archbald Monerief, Mr. Henrie Futhie, and Mr. James Guthrie, to convine with the Archbishop in St. Androis, at quhat tyme his Lordship sal think miet to apoynt, with power to them to convine and assamble befor them the foirnamed brethren and receive their laist and resolute answer towitching their conformitie and obedience; and incaise of contumacie and refusal, to depose them from their ministrie; for doin quhairof they gave them plain power, warrand, and commissioun in al respects, as they micht do themselves.

Commissioun for the Kirks of Kilspindie and Raitt.—The sam day, anent the supplication and complaint maid to the said rycht Reverend Father in God and Synod presentlie convined, be the parochiners of Kilspindie and Raitt, of the gryt lousines of their people, and manifold enormities that daylie ar committed, because no discipline hes bien vfed nor exercised their theis thrie yeirs bygane, for punishment of vyce and reformation of maners: and the maist part of the Elders and Deacons refuse to give their concurrence and assistance to that effect; quhairthroughe God hes bien gryttlie dishonorit, and ane door maid open to all licentious persons to sin with gryter libertie: For redress heirof the Synod thinks miet that the settling of the estat of that kirk, and the establisshing of guid ordour their in al poynts as effeirs, salbe continewed to ane mieting to be had, God willing, in St. Androis be the Archbishop, and nominat for that effect the foirnamed brethren to convine with his Lordship, at quhat tyme his Lordship sal apoynt, with full power to them to tak such convenient ordour theiranent, as they sal think most expedient for the glorie of God and wief of the Kirk, in al respects as they micht do themselves. As also to convine befor them Mr. George Simmer, minister their, and to impose such censure vpon him as they sal think miet for compacting of ane mariage betwixt the Maister of Oliphant and the Guidwyf of Meginthe, and receiving of guid died from baith the pairties theirfoir, according to ane dilation given against him be Mr. Peter Hay in the laitt visitation of the kirk of Kilspindie. For doing quhairof they give them plain power, warrand, and commissioun.

[Mr. Thomas Hog, minister at Dyfart, deposed for non-conformity to the Articles of Perth.]

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 2D OCT. 1620.¹

Catechisme to be formed.—For the better and mair easie instructing of the rude and younger sort in evrie congregation, it was thought miet and concludit be vniiform consent, that Dr. Robert Hovie, Dr. Peter Bruce, and Mr. Alexander Henderfon fall tak pains to peruse the Catechisme formed by Mrs. Jhone Hall, Patrik Galloway, Jhone Adamfone, and fal accordin theiirto set down ane Catechife in so intellagible and edificative terms as possiblie they can : and for that effect to miet the morrow and condiscend vpon their dyets, quhen they fal convine, and put the sam to a poynt, and proceed theiir in with diligence.

THE SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 10 APRYL, 1621.

Payment for Manffes.—Foralfinekill as many intrants to the ministrie ar heavilie burdenit with refunding of the expensses maid be their predecessors vpon the building and repairing of Manffes ; for the gryter freedom and deliverie of the Kirk from the said burden in al tym hierefter, it was thought expedient and agreit vpon be vniiforme consent, that if any brother fal transport to any vther place for his gryter advantage and commoditie, the transportation being vpon his awin earnest desyr and fuit, and not being vrged theiirvnto be the authoritie of the Kirk, in that caice he fal have no benefite nor foumes repayed to him for the mans from the quhilk he transports.

Sir Jhone and George Ogilvies.—Becaufe Sir Jhone and George Ogilvies, quha ar suspect of papistrie, and give gryt offence be their scandalous behaviour that way, (notwithstanding they have already subservyed the

¹ A folio of the transactions of this meeting is cut down the middle, leaving the remaining half unintelligible.

Confession of Fayth, and solemne sworn the sam,) ar for the maist pairt converfant in the bounds of that Exercise [Miegil], the brethren their ar ordainit to proceed againt them for their apostasie, and mak them swear and subseryve *de novo*, etc.

Ane publick Fast.—The day foirsaid the Archbishop did mak advertifment of ane publick and solemne Fast, quhilk is to be kkepit, God willing, throughout the hail realme, vpon the last Sonday of June, and the first Sonday of Julie nixt to cum; and that for the many and weichtie reasons quhilk do provok theirvnto; viz. The gryt increas of al sorts of fine in the land; the present distressed estait of the reformed Kirks in forrain kingdomes, as in France, in Boheme, in Poll, etc.; for the dellyverance and preservation of Christianitie from the tyrannie of Turks and Papiſts; and for the preservation of the King his most excellent majestie from the daylie plots and conspiracies of his enemies. And desyred evrie brother to prepair himself dewlie to that effect, that al may be in readines againt the tym prefixed.

Supp. of Bell.—Anent the supplication of James Bell in the Kirktown of Liff, quha purposes to tak to wyff Helen Blair, quha sumtym was spouse to vmquhile Lawrence Robertſone, quha sumtym was his father-in-law. The Synod, efter dew consideration, ordainit him to desist, and not to proceed any furder, as being altogether vnlawful.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 30 APRYL, 1622.

Jhone Ramfay excommunicat.—Dr. Alexander Glaidſtains, Moderator of the Exercise of St. Androis, declaired, that Jhone Ramfay of Pryorlethem, quha hes bien theis sex or fevin yeirs bygane lying vnder the heave sentence of excommunication for the haynous crym of incest committed be him with his awin douchter, remains peaceable within the bounds of the paroche of St. Androis, and no ordour is taken therewith; it is ordainit that the Session of the Kirk of St. Androis ſal execut againt him the act of excommunication with al convenient diligence in dew forme as effeirs, etc.

Heriot and Setons mariage.—Anent the repairing of Patrik Heriot and Elizabeth Seton, in the parochie of Kennoquhy, to the Borders of Ingland, and getting the benefit of mariage their as they alleadg, Mr. James Simfon, minister at Kennoquhy, is ordainit to chairge the said Patrik to feparat from the woman til he report ane sufficient testimonial from the minister of that place to the quhilk they addrested themselves, bearing that they wer ordourlie maryed; and efter the return of the testimonial, to cause them satisfie the discipline of the Kirk for fornication committed be them befor the alleadgit folemnization of their mariage.

Arbrothe, Procefs against Papists their.—Dr. Henrie Philp, Moderator of the Exercise of Arbrothe, reported, that they ar trublit with many papists in their bounds, and that they have taken ordour with thrie quha wer suspect, viz. David Gairn of Laton, Henrie Guthrie of Colistoun, and Jhon Gairn in Muirhouse, quhom they have caused swear folemnlie and subferyve the Confession of Faith according to the preseryved ordour; and that their is another, viz. Francis Ogilvie of Newgrange, against quhom they have proceedit to the thrid publick chairge. They ar ordainit to proceed against him to the sentence of excommunication; and wer approved for their travails.

*Act against ministers quha ar farmours or trysters.*¹—Beeause of the gryt scandal and offence quhilk hiertofoir hes bien taken be the evil behaviour of sum brethren of the ministrie, in speeial be theis quha have farm rounnes in labouring besyd their ordinar glyb, and theis quha ar comoun trysters and imployed frequently about tryfing, quhairby they ar distracted from doing the parts of their awin function; It is ordainit, that they *respectivè* desist from haunting that form of becunning trysters, and rid them selfs of their land labouring attour and besyd their ordinar glyb, vnder the pain of deprivation *primo quoque tempore*.

Cunnans support.—The maiter concerning the supplication of . . . Cunnan, skipper in Brunteland, and his kippitch,² quha wer captived be the Turks, and remain as yet in miserabil bondage and flavrie, referd to the nixt Synod.

¹ Farmers and attenders of *trysts* or fairs.

His crew.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 1ST OCTOBER 1622.

Kirks not prorydit.—It is ordained that theis Miniſters quhais kirks ar not as yet planted with local ſtipends, according to the rate of the lait Platt, ſal charge the patrons, and vthers having richt to the teinds of their paroches, to compeir befor the Commiſſioners of the Plat vpon the 20 day of November nixt, in Edinburgh, to apoynt and deſigne ane conſtant local ſtipend to theis kirks in al tym cumming, according to the act of Parliament maid theiranent. And the Miniſter is apoynted to do this vnder the pain of ſuſpention from his miniſtrie.

The brethren, in their ſeveral congregations, ar apoynted to catechiſe ſum pairt of their flock evrie Saboth day efternoon, or then ſum vther day as they may moſt convenientlie.

Plantation of Ebdie and Newbrugh in the perſons of Mrs. Andrew Murray and James Leſlie.—The day foirſaid, anent the ſupplication proponed by the inhabitants of the brugh of Newbrughe, That quhairas they, and the remanent perſons of the parochie of Ebdie, with the ſpecial advyee, conſent and aſſent of the patrons having power of the preſentation of ane miniſter at the ſaid kirk of Ebdie, efter the departur of vnuquhill Mr. Jhone Caldeleuch, laſt miniſter at the ſaid kirk, for fundrie grave and wechtie conſiderations moving them theiervnto, ſpecified at lenth in their foirſaid ſupplication, have, with ane comoun and vniforme conſent, thought miet and expedient for the ſpecial wiell, profite and commoditie, both of the ſaids inhabitants of the ſaid brugh of Newbrughe, and parochiners of the ſaid kirk of Ebdie, that the ſaids parochiens heirefter ſal be deuydit and ſeparat in maner following, viz. That the place of Lundors, and the inhabitants of the ſaid brugh of Newbrugh, ſalbe deſigned and apoynted to reſort ordinarlie to the kirk already buildit within the ſaid brugh: and the remanent perſons of the ſaid parochie of Ebdie to repair to the ſaid parochie kirk of Ebdie, for ordinar hearing of Gods Word preached, and participation of the Sacrament theirin. And for that effect, that twa ſufficient miniſters ſalbe provydit for ſerving the cuir at the ſaids twa kirks ſeverallie in al tym cumming, vpon ſuch reaſonable and competent conditions as effeirs:

and theirfoir did crave, that my Lord Archbifhop and his preſent Synod ſhuld give and declair their approbation and conſent to the diviſion and ſeparation of the ſaids twa kirks in maner foirſaid; and to the admiſſion of Mr. Androw Murray, to be actual miniſter at the ſaid parochie kirk of Ebdie, and Mr. James Leſlie to be actual miniſter at the ſaid kirk within the ſaid brugh of Newbrughe, conforme to both their preſentations granted to them theiranent. Quhairvpon, the Archbiſhop and the preſent Aſſembly, having dewlie ponderit and conſiderit the expedience and neceſſitie of the ſaid diviſion and ſeparation; as alſo, the profite and commoditie quhilk may redound theirby to the haille parochiners of both paroches *reſpectivè*, did ratifie, approve, and allowe the ſaid ſeparation in al poynts. And my Lord Archbifhop, having receaved ſufficient teſtimonie of the ſufficiencie and qualification of the ſaids Mrs. Androw Murray and James Leſlie for the work of the holy miniſtrie, did proceed to their admiſſion to the ſerving of the euir at the kirks above deſigned, and gave vnto them impoſition of hands, according to the ordour.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 22 APRILIS 1623.

Publiſt Faſt indygit.—Becaufe of the gryt abundance of fin and daylie growth thairof: as alſo, becaufe of the gryt ſcarsectie and dearth quhilk is in the land, together with the preſent death and famine quhilk ſeaſes vpon many, quhairby God his heavie wrath is evidentlie perceaved to be kindlit againſt vs: Thairfoir it was thought meet and apoynted, that their be ane ſolemne publiſt Faſt celebrat throughout the haille kingdome, to be keipit vpon the laſt Saboth day of Junie, and the firſt Saboth of Julie: and that, in the brughs, fermon to be had twyſe a-day throughout the haille week. Everie brother ordaind to mak intimation hierof in their ſeveral congregations at their return.

Contraverſies intreated.—It is apoynted, that the brethren of ilk Exercice ſhal have ſum contraverſie intreated, at leaſt evrie moneth once, and diſputis to be had theirvpon; and that ſuch brethren as ar aged be diſburdened theirof, and their place ſupplied be the younger brethren.

Tryel of aspyring to the Ministrie.—The same day, it was ordained that such as aspyr to the ministrie shalbe exactlie tryed befor their admission, be the Maisters of the New Colledge of St. Androis, if they be students and fosters their, or be the brethren of the Exercise quhair they ar expectants, *respectivè*; and that nane be admitted herefter to that holy function vntil dew and mature tryell be had, according to former acts maid hieranent.

No Minister Cautiomer.—It is apoynted, That no brother herefter shal involve himself in cautiomer for any person, vnder pain of deprivation from the ministrie.

Nor Labourer.—Sielyk it is apoynted, that such brethren of the ministrie as have husbandries in labouring, besyd and attour their ordinar glich, shal dimit and overgive the sam befor this tym twelmonth, vnder pain of deprivation from their ministrie; and in particular that Mrs. James Jardin, William Raitt, Robert Rollock, denude themselves of their husbandries.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 8 OCTOBER 1623.

It was ordained, that the glich of St. Androis shuld be possessed be the Archdeane, present minister their.

The cair of the pair was recommendit to the haill brethren, ordaining them, in their severall congregations, to inroll their awin kyndlie pair, and procure means for their intertainment during the tym of this present skairitie and dairth; and that they concurr with the Justices of peace for this effect.

Mr. Alexander Ingls, minister at St. Vigean, ordained to be resident at his kirk according to the ordour.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 AND 7 APRYL 1624.

Sir Jhon Ogilvy excommunicate.—It is thought miet, that ane intimation be maid *de novo* of the excommunication of Sir Jhone Ogilvie of Craig.

Jhone Anderfone portioner of Achrennie, and Androw Fethie, sone to James Fethie, sumtym of Guind, obstinat and malicious papists; and the said intimation to be in al kirks throughout Fyff, Anguse, and Mernis: And Mr. William Maleum ordaind to delyver to the Archbishop the Act of their excommunication, that the lawes of the cuntrey may be put in execution against them.

Mrs. Alexander Ingls, James Philp, to mak residence.—It is ordaind, that Mr. Alexander Ingls, minister at St. Vigean, and Mr. James Philp, minister at Lownan, shal mak residence at their kirks vpon the ordinar manifes, befor the feast of Lambes nixt, vnder the pain of deprivation from their ministrie.

Act for payment to the Burffors in Theologie.—For better payment of that contribution to the Burffors in Theologie, it is concludit, that no man shal be admitted to the ministrie in any place within the bounds of this Synod heireftir, vntil he subservye the contract maid and granted for payment of the several sounes imposed vpon evrie brother particularie in ilk parochie.

Sessio 3^a die Mercurij.

The quhilk day, it was ordaind, That al Readers in kirks within the bounds of this dioce, shalbe advertised be the ministers quhair they have charge, to convine at the nixt Synode, both the Readers in brughs and they in the landward, to the end that they may receave directions and injunctions anent their office, and be subjeet to tryell anent their lyf and conversation.

Mr. William Murray.—[Mr. William Murray, minister at Craill, suspended from his ministry, “ pairtlie be his scandalous conversing with Helen Wood, in his awin wyffs lyftym, and pairtlie be his precipitating his intendit mariage with her soon efter the death of his said wyff, quhairby that suspition hes bien nichtelic increased.”]

My Lord Archbishop and brethren assemblit declared their mynd to be, that, howsoever this maiter succed, if the said Mr. William Murray shal happen at any tym hierefter, to marry the said Helen Wood, he shal no

wayes be permitted to continow minifter at Craill, but falbe deprieved theirof.¹

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 5TH AND 6TH OCTOBER 1624.

Because in the visitation of the kirk of Largo, it was fund that their is gryt offence given be the feandalous cohabitation of Sir James Laundie with Ellpit Ruthven, his brother son his wyff, It was thought meet, that Mr. William Erskine and Mr. Jhone Gillaspie shal repair to the said Sir James, and desyr him to remove the said woman furth of his company befor the feast of Mertimes nixt, with certification to him if he refus and disobey, that in that caise he shalbe proceedit against with the ordinar censures of the Kirk. And for this effect, the brethren of the Exerciise of St. Androis ar ordaind to insist against him if he faillzie therein.

The Tryell of Minifters.

Act for Tryell of intrants to the holy miniftrie.—For tryell of such as herefter shalbe admitted to the function of the holy miniftrie, it is apoynted and concludit be my Lord Archbifhop, and vniforme consent of the brethren assemblit, that the ordour following shalbe dewlie observed.

In primis. It is ordained, that the person being ane expectant, quha is presented to be tryed be the Exerciise, shal bring testimonials, bearing, that he is ane man of blameles lyf and conversation, that he hes passed his cours in philosophie in such ane Vniverfitic, and that since that tym he hes bien exercisid in sum honest calling or studie, either in the Vniverfitic or in sum vther privat place, quhair he hes behaved and caryed himself wiell; and that he is twentie fyve yeirs of age compleit; also, that al his testimonials contain therein the oath of the giver theirof.

Nxt, Efter theis testimonials ar receaued and approved; first, his tryels shal begin at the Greek tounge, quhairin he shalbe obliged to give ane prouiff

¹ On his supplication he was restored to the ministry in the Synod in October following. "quhairver it shal pleis God to open vnto him a door, excepting only in the kirk and paroche of Craill."

of his knowledge by interpretation of any chapter of the Greek New Testament that salbe offred to him, without praemeditation in Latin or Inglish: next, in the Hebrew, by interpretation of any chapter in the Old Testament, efter the space of 24 houres granted to him at most to studie theirtō.

Thirdly, That he be examined vpon the grounds of Religion, quhairinto, (if he hes not bein at the Colledge of Theologie), he sal, at least, be affricted to ansueir, according to the doctrine set down be Calvin in his Institutions, and by Beza in his Questions and Confession, except he be versed also in vther learned wrieters, and be able, be his awin industrie and prudence, to mak chois of the best and foundest ansueirs to the purpose.

Fourthly, That he be posed on the contraverted heads, quhairin, first, he salbe affricted to set down the state of the question betwixt vs and the adversars, and next to ansueir their arguments; and this to do, (if he hes not bien trained vp in the New Colledge), at least according to the grounds set down be Kennisius in his *Examen Concilij Tridentini*, in so far as he agrees with our Confession of Faith, and quhair he disagrees, that the declaration of the difference salbe requyred as a pairt of his tryel; yet sal he not be tyed to Kennisius, bot that he may ansueir out of any vther of our learned divyns, quho have wrieten of the contraverfies, or out of his awin iudgment and invention, his ansueirs being orthodox and agreabil to our professiō, provyding alwayes, that he be red in al the contraverfies as they ar handled be Kennisius.

Fifthly, That privatlie he mak ane sermon or lessōn vpon such ane text of Scriptur, as salbe assigned to him be the brethren, in Latin and Inglish.

Sextly, That he be hard in the publiċ Exerciſe in the second and first place.

Lastly, that he salbe tryed be my Lord Archbisshop, and theis of the facultie resident within the citie and Vniverſitie of St. Androis.—Al quhilk tryels salbe ordourlie past and sufficient testimonials reported theirvpon, befor the pairtie presented be admitted to the office of the Ministre.

To adryſe aient reading in the kirk.—Because of the grypt benefit and instruction quhilk may redound be reading of the Scriptures in publiċ audience of the people, it was recommendit to the brethren present

graivelie to advyffe, againſt the nixt Synod, how the ſam may be done moſt commodiouſlie in ſuch congregations quhair their is no ordinar Readers, be the Miniſters themſelſ; and that in the interim ſuch brethren as may conveniently do it themſelſ ſal put the ſam in practiſe, and read ſum chapters befor ſermon evrie Saboth.

It is apoynted, that ordinar Readers in al congregations ſalbe tyed to read in the publiſt audience of the people only ſuch prayers as ar printed in the comoun Pfalme Buik, and ordaind be the Kirk of Scotland to be red publiſtie.

The Mans of Kilmeanie.—Mr. William Scot, Mr. Alexander Henderſone, and Mr. Jhone Mackgill, wer apoynted to traivall cairfullie with the parochiners of Kilmeanie, aither to build ane manſ and dwelling houſe to Mr. James Thomſon, preſent miniſter, and his ſuceſſors, or then to concur with him for building theirof.

Mans of Seone.—Quhairas Mr. David Wymiſe, preſent miniſter at the kirk of Seone, hes cauſed build ane manſ and dwelling houſe at the ſaid kirk vpon his awin proper chairges and expenſſes, quhilk, at the fight and valuation of certain brethren of the Preſbyterie of Peirth, and vther honeſt men, parochiners and indwellars, quha wer apoynted and directed be the Preſbyterie to tak dew notice and knowledg of the ſam, is eſtimat to be worth the ſum of fyve hundreth merks money, and above, as the act maid and granted thairanent at Peirth, 25 Februarij 1624 yeirs, at gryter lenth proportions: Theirfoir, it was thought miet and apoynted be my Lord Archbiſhop and brethren aſſemblit, that the ſaid ſum of fyve hundreth merks ſalbe reſoundit to the ſaid Mr. David, his airs, excecutors, or aſſignayes be the nixt intrant miniſter, in recompens of his diſburdments and expenſſes.

SYNOD HELD AT ST. ANDROIS, 4 OCTOBER 1625.¹

Supplication of Forfar.—The quhilk day, for ſatiſſaction of the earneſt ſupplication maid and propond in name and behalf of the brugh of Forfar.

¹ No meeting of the Synod appears, from the Register, to have been held in October 1624, or in April 1625.

and the congregation theirof, desyryng that Dr. James Eliot, their present minister, shal preache and have doctrine vpon Sunday efternoon for their better edification and comfort: My Lord Archbishop, and this present Synod, having considered the equitie and necessitie of their godly suit and desyr, have apoynted, and be thir presents apoynts, the said Dr. James Eliot, so long as it shal pleis God to continew him in the office of the ministrie their, and quhen health and strenth wil permit him, to preach ilk Sunday befor noone, according to his ordinar and accustomed forme; and that ilk Sunday efternoon, he shal, from the pulpit, have doctrine vpon the Catechisme, for instruction of his flock in the fundaments and grounds of Religion: For the quhilk his traivails in that work, the people ar willed to shew themselves deuitfull and thankful to him.

Supplication of Kinghorne.—The sam day, anent the petition maid and proponed in name and behalf of the brugh of Kinghorne, making mention, that they have receaved grypt harme be the lait grypt invudation and storme quhilk fell out vpon the . . . day of Marche last bypast, quhairby their harborie is altogether demolished, and wonderful grypt hurt brought to many of the inhabitants theirby, the breaking of their ships, boats, and vther knawen losses and damages, so that they ar extremely haraided, and many amongst them redacted to ane very hard estat: Theirfoir, my Lord Archbishop and present Assembly, being moved with compassion towards them, have recommendit, and be thir presents recommends, their distressed condition to the charitie and help of al borrough townes, quhilk ar within the praeinct of this diocie lyand on this fyde of Forthe; willing and exhorting the ministers within the several townes and congregations, to tier vp their people to their speedie support and relief, and to collect and ingather such contributions as they can have for their subsidie, betwixt this and the twentie fyft day of December nixt to cum.

Dyffarts second Minister.—Anent the petition proponed be the brugh of Dyffart and congregation, making mention that presently they have bot ane minister for ferving and attending of the hail cuir at the kirk their, so that the burden and charge is too grypt, being ane populous congregation: and theirfoir craving that ane secound minister may be ioyned with him for his better help in the discharge of that ministrie: my Lord Arch-

bishep and present Synod, applauding to their desyre, have advyfed Mr. Williame Nairne, present minister their, together with the toun and congregation of Dyfert, to convine and agrie among themselves anent sum honest and sufficient man quhome they think fittest for that chaarge; and quhen they have maid choifs, my Lord Archbishep shal concurr with them, and do quhat belongs to his Lordship for his ordinarlie setting in that function.

[Mr. Thomas Montgomerie, minister at Logiemontrois.]

The Names of the Readers.—Mr. Jhone Walker, reader in Dunfermling; Mr. James Readie, reader in Innerkeithing; Mr. Thomas Pigot, reader at Forfar; Patrik Keabil, reader at Kirrimuir; Jhone Gill, reader at Langfordgund; Mr. Henrie Adamson, reader at Peirith; Mr. Arthur Grainger, reader at Arbroth; Mr. Androw Blair, reader at Erroll; Mr. David Birrill, reader at Seone; Mr. Thomas Bigger, reader at Kinghorne; Gavin Duncan, reader at Dunbernie; Mr. Archibald Allane, reader at Kilspindie; William Lamb, reader at Kinnoull.

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 18TH APRILE 1626.

[Mr. William Spittil nominated 2d minister of Dyfart.]

[Dr. Jhone Strang, minister at Erroll, translated to the principality of the College of Glasgou.]

Their was given in subsidie be the brethren present to ane noble man of the Grifons exyld from his native cuntrey, ane hundreth pundis Scots money.

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 3D AND 4TH APRIL 1627.

The brethren of the Exercise of Peirith reported, that the Maister of Oliphant (suspect of papistrie) hes sworn and subferyved the Confession of Faith, and wes of purpose to have receaved the holy Communion, bot that ane certain impediment did intervaine the day immediatly preceeding the celebration theirof. He hes promised faithfully to communicat in any

ither kirk within that bounds, within the space of ten dayes : They ar admonished to have diligent cair that he performe as he is promised.

[Mr. James Rofs, minister at Lentrathen.]

Mr. James Bennet.—Because it was regraited be the brethren of Couper, that Mr. James Bennet is ane frequent hunter with dogs, ane player at cairds, and a runner of courfles vpon horsis, the said Mr. James, being called vpon, compiered, was graivelie rebuikit, and exprefly inhibite to frequent any of the former games in tym cumming ; and the brethren ordained to report in the nixt Synod, how the said Mr. James dois behave himself in al theis particulars.

The brethren of Miegil ar ordaind to close their procefs, (feing they ar at the thrid publi& prayer), against my Lord Gray, quha continewes avowedlie in papistrie, and to fend the sam to my Lord Archbifchop, that the sentence of excommunication may be pronounced against him.

The brethren wer exhorted gravlie, in thir dangerous tymis, to walk circumfpectly, and to abstain from the exercifes of hunting, carding, running of horsfles, and al fuch as may give occasion of scandal and offence, vnder pain of fufpention from their ministrie.

4 Aprilis mane.

Commiffioners nominat and apoynted to attend the prefent Convention affembled in Edinburgh, at fuch dyets as ar prefcrived : For the Exercife of the Mernis, Mrs. James Strachane and Androw Milne ; for Arbroth, Dr. Henrie Philp and Mr. James Guthrie ; for Brechin, Mr. James Lyon ; for Forfar, Mr. Silvefter Lambie ; for Miegil, Mr. William Malcom and Dr. James Blair ; for Dundie, Mr. Jhone Rhuterfuird and Mr. James Jardin ; for Peirith, Mr. Robert Murray, and Mr. David Williamfon ; for St. Androis, Dr. Alexander Glaidftains, and Mr. Alexander Henderfon ; for Couper, Mrs. William Scot, Thomas Douglas, and William Cranftoun ; for Kirkaldie, Dr. Jhon Mitchelfon, and Mr. Androw Lawmonth ; for Dunfermling, Mr. Robert Roch, and Maifter Henrie Makgill.

Commiffioners quha fal affemble with the Bifhops at fuch Kirk conven-

tions as fal happen, for directing of any to be sent to his Majestie in the affairs of the Kirk, in name of the rest of the brethren : Dr. Alexander Gladdistains, Dr. David Monro, Dr. Henrie Philp, Dr. Jhone Mitchelson, Mr. William Scot. Theis wer nominat be the present Synod, and ful power given to them to vote and consent to al such things as in theis conventions falbe propound, tending to the benefite and guid of the Kirk.

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 2 OCTOBER 1627.

My Lord Archbischop desired that the purpose concerning Mr. Peter Hay of Naughtoun his buik, shuld not be mentioned in the publick Synod, and declared, that his Lordship wald not be present if the sam war spoken of.¹

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 7 OCTOBER 1628.

The Bishop of Ross's Contribution.—The contribution granted to the Bishop of Ross, as Commissioner resident at the Court of England for the affairs of the Kirk, was recommendit to the haill brethren, and al the Moderators of the severall Presbyteries wer ordaind to use their diligence for collecting and ingathering of the sam : and to report to my Lord Archbischop what spied they cum, betuixt this and the feast of Martinmas next to cum.

Visitation Kirk of Colace.—The brethren of the Presbyterie of Couper ar apoynted to visite the kirk of Colace *primo quoque tempore*, and to inhibit Mr. Henrie Balfour, present minister, from preaching of the Word, becaufe of his weaknes, be reason of his grypt age, bot not to impair his

¹ This book appears to have been "An Advertisement to the Subjects of Scotland, of the fearfull Dangers threatned to Christian States, and namely to Great Britaine, by the ambition of Spayne : with a Contemplation of the truest meanes to oppose it. Also, diverse other Treatises, touching the present estate of the Kingdome of Scotland ; verie necessarie to be knowne and considered in this tyme : called THE FIRST BLAST OF THE TRUMPET. Written by Peter Hay of Naughton in North Britaine. In Aberdene printed by Edward Raban, 1627."

present stipend; and to travail with the parochiners for sum competent provision for the intertainment of Mr. Jhone Moncrief, his present helper in that ministrie, with certification if they doe it not, the said Mr. Jhone salbe removed from them.

[Mr. Josua Durie, succeeded Mr. Arthur Futhie, minister at Innerkiellour.]

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 14 APRILIS 1629.

Subsidie to theis quhom the Moys did overflow.—Quhairas their is a general subsidie granted be the Lords of his Majesties Counceill, to be gathered throughout this hail Realme, for the relief of certain gentlemen, heritours, and vthers their tennents, quhais lands wer, in the moneth of December last, suddainlie overflowed be ane moïs, quhairby they ar denudit, not only of their heritages their, bot also of al their goods and substance: The hail brethren wer apoynted to traivail serioullie with their severall congregations, for such speedie help and support as it sal pleis God to move their hearts to contribute to that effect; and quhat they ingather and collect from their people, to bring it in to the Moderators of the Presbyteries, quha may delyver the sam to theis gentlemen quha have crydit and commission from the Lords of his Majesties Counceill to be collectors theirow.

The Maister of Oliphant communicat.—The brethren of the Presbyterie of Peirith reported, that the Maister of Oliphant hes communicat according to the ordinance and direction of the former Synod.

Act anent the Salt pans of Kirkaldie.—Anent the suit proponed be James Aitoun and Henrie Millar, commissiouners for the toun of Kirkaldie, desyring, that because hitherto gryt incommoditie hes redonndit to them through the interrupting of the ganging of the salt pans vpon the Saboth day, theirfoir libertie may be granted to them to gang throughout the hail Saboth, with this exprefs provision, that one servant allenerly sal attend them in the tym of divyne service, and that servant quha attends in the foirnoon sal repair to the kirk efternoon. The Moderator and brethren present, being informed of the gryt profanation quhilk hes ensnewed vpon the ganging of the salt pans vpon the Saboth day in tyme bygane, and

quhat scandal and offence hes bien taken theirby, hes refused to grant any such tolleration. And becaufe the commissioners above named did earnestlie vrge the same, and alledged fundrie reafons for the necessitie theirof, the Moderator and brethren thought miet to continew the absolute resolution of the matter til the next Synod; and in the mean tyme did ordain the falt pangs not [to] gang at al vpon the Saboth, in any sort quhairby offence may be given.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 AND 7 OCTOBER 1629.

Mans and Gliel to be acquyred.—My Lord Archbishop and brethren assemblit, vnderstanding that their ar certain kirks destitute of mans and gliel, becaufe of the negligence and cairlesnes of the brethren quha serve the cuir in such places, for fear to offend their parochiners in acquiring of the same: of the quhilk number ar the kirks of Innerkeithing, Peirith, Seone, Kinfares; It is expresse ordaind, that Mr. Robert Roeh, Mr. David Wymise, Mr. Jhone Malecom, and Mr. James Foulter, presentlie serving the cuir at the said kirks, sal traivail to have them selfs possessed with mans and gliel at their saids kirks, according to the Act of Parliament, and to report their diligence against the next Synod, vnder pain of suspension from their ministrie.

Sessio 3^a 7 die mane.

Act for preaching Expectants.—The quhilk day, it was expresse ordaind, that no young man, expectant of the ministrie, salbe tollerat to preach in any parochie kirk, be brugh or land, (whither he be ane student in the Divinitie Colledge of St. Androis, or ane expectant of ane Presbyterie,) vntil he have ane warrand, libertie, and approbation to that effect from the Bishop and brethren of the Presbyterie in the bounds quhair he dois remain.

[Mr. James Sibbald, minister at Torrie, succeeded “ Mr. Robert Thomfone, lait minister at the said kirk, quha depairted this lyf about the penult day of September in anno 1628.”]

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 AND 7 APRYL 1630.

A regrait to his Majestie anent the valuation of the Tythes.—The quhilk day, the whole brethren assemblit, with one comoun voice, did hevelie regrait the apparant detriment and hurt quhilk is liklie to cum vpon the estait of the Kirk, by occasion of the present cours of valuation of the gryt and small tythes quhilk is in hand, both in respect of the gryt corruption quhilk is vsed, in the valuations, to diminish the rental of the gryt tythes, and also to seclude the minifters from exacting the final tythes quhair they have bien in vse to vplift *ipfa corpora* of the famen: Theirfoir, they did earnestly intreat my Lord Archbischop, their Ordinar, in most humble maner, to acquaint the Kings sacred Majestie hierwith, that his Majestie, out of his royal favour and tender cair of the Kirk, may expresse preferve sum guid cours for preventing theis evils, quhilks may cum vpon the Kirk and ministrie by the present valuations; and that nothing be done quhilk may preiudge the benefite and patrimonie of the Kirk, or bring any inconvenient theirvpon. And that minifters be ordaind to posses theis vicearages *in corporibus* quhair they have bien and ar in vse to exact the sam; for if tymous remedie be not taken hieranent, it wil be impossible for theis of the ministrie to attend their chairges, and so be that means the publi& worship and service of God wil decay.

Mr. Jhon Barron his serving at Kempback.—The quhilk day, it being regraited be Mr. Jhone Schivez of Kempback, that Mr. Jhone Barron, present minifter at the kirk of Kempback, did not reside at his said kirk, nor frequent the service theirat as he suld, in respect of his many avocations, because of his abode in the Old Colledge of St. Androis, quhair he continews and remains for the most pairt, being second maister their: Theirfoir the said Mr. Jhone Barron was expresse ordaind by my Lord Archbischop, with vniforme consent of the brethren assemblit, to attend cairfully at the said kirk of Kempback, the charge of the ministrie their of, and to frequent his awin paroehe in such fort as it becums the minifter of the famen, with such convenient diligence as he can.

[Mr. Jhone Wood younger, minifter at the kirk of Rynd, suspended

from the ministrie, for fornication “ with ane certain woman in the town of Peirth, as he himself hes most humbly confessed and bewailed in the face of this present assemblie.”]

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 5 OCTOBER 1630.

Salt pans of Kirkaldie and Dyfart.—The quhilk day, anent the ganging of the salt pans of Kirkaldie and Dyfart; forsamiekil as it hes bien earnestly regraited that the Saboth day is profained be the working of such as attend the famen, in speciall tyme of divyne service. It is apoynted be my Lord Archbischop and brethren assembled, that the ministers of Kirkaldie and Dyfart shal cairfullie advert to the behaviour of theis persons quha ar imployed about the attendance of the said pans, and if they deprehend any of them to be scandalous or offensive in their misbehaviour, to punish them, as be the discipline of their kirk, they doe vther ordinar transgressors of the Saboth, least they shuld pretend any immunitie in that behalf to doe any kynd of exercise that day, quhairby they may be fund to violat the Saboth.

It is ordaind, that al the brethren mak publick intimation, in their severall parochies, that al householders of al qualitie present themselves, with their families, to the Examination befor the communion, vtherwyfe to be excludit and debard from that holy Table.

It is also ordained, that the brethren be cairful in their catechizing, and that they labour to expone to their people once in yeir, the Lords Prayer, the Belieff, and the ten Commandements.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 19 APRILIS 1631.

Mr. Jhone Lyndfay.—It was fund that Mr. Jhone Lyndfay, minister at the kirk of Abirlemno, hes bien long absent from the service of the cuir at his kirk, and his flock destitute of the benefits of the ministrie. He was gravlie rebuikit in the face of the Synod, and admonished to at-

tend his chairge moir cairfullie, with certification if he falbe fund to be four Saboth dayes absent from his kirk in the hail yeir, without lawful and necessar excuse, he falbe declaired depryved from his ministrie *ipso facto*.

Auent ministers going to England.—It is ordaind be my Lord Archbifchop and brethren assemblit, with one voice, That no minifter fal vpon any occasion goe into Ingland, without libertie asked and obtaind from my Lord Archbifchop and the brethren of the Presbyterie quhair they reside, vnder the higheft pains that may follow.

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 10 APRILIS 1632.

The brethren of the Presbyterie of St. Androis wer directed to vse all diligence for collecting the contribution to the distressed ministers of the Palatinat.

Bell of Dyfart.—The quhilk day, it was apoynted be my Lord Archbifchop of St. Androis, and brethren assembled in Synod, that forsamickil as the inhabitants of the town of Dyfart hes, theis divers yeirs bygane, detaind ane bell quhilk did belong to the parochie of Markinfhe, they fal redelyver the said bell again to theis of Markinfhe, and fal have theis moneyes refundit to them allennerlie, quhilk they gave for the sam.

Supplication of Dyfart.—Auent the supplication maid and propond in name and behalf of the brugh of Dyfart, making mention, that they ar far infirmed and weakened in their estait, be reason of the grypt chairges quhilk they have bestowed in labouring to build and repair ane sufficient and competent harborie, both for their awin ease and trade in shipping, and for the benefite and commoditie of al vthers quhom it may happen to be drawn thither; and ar not abil be ther awin privat meins to effectuat so important and necessar ane work, except lairge subsidie and help be impairted and contributed to them for that effect: Theirfoir, my Lord Archbifchop and brethren assembled, being moved with ane tender regaird to their present distress, and to the honest and industrious cair and endeavour quhilk they have to accomplishe that commendable interpryse,

have recommendit, and be theis presents recommends their distressed condition to the charitable support of the hail brethren within the precinct, and that pairt of the diocie of St. Androis quhilk lyes benorth Forth, ordaining them to traivail earnestly with their severall congregations, and to stier them vp cairfullie to confidder such ane profitable and weeltie buffines, and to extend their speedie support and relief to that effect. And that al the brethren, to quhom their commissioners sal happen to cum, imploy themselves for their furtherance with al convenient expedition.

Supplication of Lathrishe and Kirkaldie.—Ancient the supplication maid and propound in name and behalf of Alexander Lathrishe in Dyfart, and David Kirkaldie in Kinghorne, quha wer first taken and led into captivitye be the merciles Turks, and detaind in miserable bondage among them for the space of thrie yeirs; and sinfyne ar redacted to as gryt flaivrie and bondage in ane Spanishe gaillie, quhair they have remaind for the space of aught yeirs in most lamentable captivitye and flaivrie, and cannot be delyvered from their bondage, except they be redemed be the payment of ane thousand merks of Scots money, quhilk sounge they ar altogether vnabil be themselves to pay: My Lord Archbischop and brethren assembled, being moved with compassion of their comfortles and distressed estait, have, for the speedie relief theirow, apoynted the hail brethren within the precinct of this Synod to be stented and rated particularlie for the payment of the said sounge; and that ilk one of them, out of their severall congregations, vplift and ingather the sam with al convenient expedition, that it may be send to them for their tymous comfort and relief.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 2D OCTOBER 1632.

The quhilk day, the Psalmes of King David, translated in meeter be King James of blissed memorie, being recommendit be King Charls, our present dread Sovereine, to be accepted and sung in al his Maiesties dominions, wer be my Lord Archbischop remembred and recommendit to the Synod, and sum of them delyvered to certain brethren of the seve-

ral Presbyteries to be persv'd be them, and they ordaind to report their iudgment theiranent against the nixt Synod.¹

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 30 APRILIS 1633.

Jhone Broun in Torrieburn, ane saxfold adulterer, apoynted to be committed to my Lord Generall Justice, or Stewart of the Regalitie of St. Androis, that dew punishment may be inflicted vpon him.

[Mr. Thomas Ramfay, minifter at Idvie.

Mr. Andrew Eliot succeeded Mr. Josua Durie, deceas'd, minifter at the kirk of Innerkillour.]

Doctor Alexander Glaidstains, Dr. Jhone Mitchellone, Mr. Alexander Henderfon, Mr. Silvester Lambie, and Mr. Robert Moray, wer apoyntit to concurr and convine with the rest of the commiffioners nominat furth of vther Synods, to give their found iudgment and opinion anent the new tranflated buik of the Psalmes.

SYNOD HADDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 1 OCTOBER 1633.

Craigie and Henderfons marriage refused.—It is expresse ordaind, that the benefite of mariage be not granted to Alexander Craigie, in the parochie of Forteviot, with Agnes Henderfone their, becaus'e he committed adul-

¹ "THE PSALMES OF KING DAVID, TRANSLATED BY KING JAMES," were first printed in 1631, with the following Privilege. "CHARLES R.—Haneing caused this Translation of the Psalmes, (whereof our late deare Father was Author,) to be perused, and it being found to be exactly and truly done, wee doe hereby authorize the same to be Imprinted, according to the Patent graunted therepon, and doe allow them to be song in all the Churches of our Dominions, recommending them to all oure goode Subjects for that effect." They were not, however, favourably received by the Scottish Clergy, and do not appear to have been ever sung in our churches. Calderwood, with little respect for the Royal Author, criticised the work with some severity, and drew up "Reasons against the publick vse of this new Metaphrase of the Psalmes;" maintaining, that the old version by Sternhold and Hopkins, "should be sung in the Kirks of Scotland as they have been since 1564, and no wayes suppressed for any thing seim or hard yet"—(*The Bannatque Miscellany*, vol. i. p. 227.)

terie twyfe with her, and children procreat by her in his wyffs tyme, quhen ſchoe was living, and hes committed fornication with her alſo ſince the death of his vnquhile wyff.

The names of the defunct.—Becaufe of the gryt preiudice of many orphanes and pupils, and fundrie vther ſorts of perſons, for that the Teſtaments of the dead have not bien confirmed, and the preciſe tyme of their death is not known, nor extant in any regiſter, It is apoynted, (according to former Acts maid of this kynd,) that evrie miniſter in their ſeveral congregations ſal have ane regiſter of the defunct, and ſal twyfe in the year, viz. at the dyets of the Synode in Summer and Winter, exhibit and preſent to the Comiſar of St. Androis ane dew roll of the ſam, and at ſuch vther tymes as ane officer authorized be the ſaid Comiſar ſal cum to any miniſter within the bounds of the dioceſe of St. Androis, they ſal delyver vnto him the names of the defunct within their parochie. To the quhilk ordinance and apoyntment the hail brethren did vniformlie conſent, with this proviſion alwayes, viz. that for the pains to be taken be the brethren in this behalf, the Teſtament of evrie miniſter and his wyff ſalbe frie of al charges and expenſes for the confirmation of the ſamen: as alſo, that al ſuch perſons as ar declared be the miniſters teſtimonial to be *puir*, and *non potentes* for confirmation, ſalbe exemed from al proces and action.

SYNOD HELDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 27 APRIL 1636.

For abandoning the gryt number of ſtrong and vagabound beggers quhilk abounds in the land, it is apoynted that the brethren in their ſeveral congregations, ſal tak ane preſent and ſolide cours for providing of their awin *puir* within their awin paroches. And dew proviſion being once maid for them, in ſuche ane competent maner and meaſure as conveniently they may, then with al diligence to abandone al ſtrangers, and not give any maintenance to them. And for the better proſecuting of this cours, it is thought expedient that ſum of the brethren in their ſeveral preſbytries be directed in commiſſion to goe to the Juſtices of peace in evrie ſhyre in their firſt Benche Court, and earneſtly deſyr their concurrence and furtherance for effectuating of this ſo good and profitable ane work.

Ane contribution granted to Jhone Broun in Prefstonpans, and his kip-pitche, being fourtine in number, quha ar taken captive be the Turks, and detain'd in miserable flaiurie, was recommendit to the brethren, and earnestly defyred, that in their fveral congregations they wald exhort and stiere vp the people, that their charitable help may in al convenient tyme be employed for their delyverance and relief.

AT CUPER IN FIFE, APRIL 2, 1639.

The which day, the minifters and elders of the fverall Prefbyteries of Fife, being convey'd at the said burgh to hold the Provinciall Affembly, Mr. William Scott, minifter of the said burgh, made the exhortation, according to the custum observed at the beginning of such Affemblyes.

After prayer and fermon, the Moderators of the Prefbyteries wer required to give vp the names of the pastors and elders, ilk ane within there owne bounds, which they did as followes :

The names of the Minifters and Elders.

THE PRESBYTERIE OF CUPER.

[Cupar.]	Mr. William Scott.	Sir Ja. Sibbald of Over Ran-killour knight baronet, elder for the Landward.
[Cupar, 2d Ch.]	Mr. David Dalglesithe.	George Jamieson, elder for the town of Cuper.
[Darfie.]	Mr. Patrick Seowgall.	Harry Weemys of Futhie.
[Ceres.]	Mr. Walter Buchanan.	Sir John Hope of Craighall knight.
[Cults.]	Mr. James Martin.	Andrew Dainziel.
[Kettle.]	Mr. John Ramfay.	David Pitcairne of that Ilk.
[Falkland.]	Mr. William Barclay.	Sir Andrew Morray of Balvaird knight.

[Strathmiglo.]	Mr. John Morray.	Mr. David Ramfay.
[Auchtermuchty.]	Mr. James Bennett.	Richard Maxwell.
[Colleffie.]	Mr. John Moncreiff.	James Melvin of Halhill.
[Monimail.]	{ Mr. Andrew Bennett eld.	John Lord Melvin.
	{ Mr. William Bennett.	James Makgill of Rankil- lour Nether.
[Ebdie.]	Mr. Alexander Balfour.	Patrick Peacock.
[Newburgh.]	Mr. David Orme.	Sir David Barclay of Cul- lerny knight.
[Dumbog.]	{ Mr. Thomas Baxter.	George Kinloch.
[Dumbog.]	{ Mr. William Levistoun.	Robert Leslie.
[Creich.]	Mr. Andrew Bennett yo.	George Stirk.
[Flitk.]	Mr. John Makgill.	James Cuper.
[Balmerrino.]	Mr. Walter Greig.	David Sunter.
[Kilmanic.]	Mr. James Thomson.	
[Logie.]	Mr. John Durie.	
[Auchtermoontie.]	Mr. James Wedderburn.	

THE PRESBYTERIE OF ST. ANDROIS.¹

[St. Leonards Col- lege, St. An- drews.]	Mr. Andrew Bruce, Prin- cipal of St. Leonards College.	Mr. George Weemyſ.
[Kingfbarns.]	Mr. James Bruce.	
[Deninno.]	Mr. David Forret.	Mr. John Aiton of Kinnadie.
[Kilrennie.]	Mr. Colin Adam.	George Strang, portioner of Kilrenie.
[Anstruther-Weſt]	Mr. George Dewar.	David Ferray.
[Pittenweem.]	Mr. John Melvin.	James Airth, burges of Pit- tenweem.
Abererombie.]	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	

¹ The following charges in this Presbytery were at this time either vacant or under process, St. Andrews, First and Second Charges, Anstruther-East, Crail, Carnbie, Leuchars, and Forgan.

[Kilconquhar.]	Mr. David Monro.	Tho. Spens of Lathalland.
[Newburn.]	Mr. George Hamiltoun.	George Orme.
[Largo.]	Mr. Andrew Auchinleck.	James Lundie of Straerlie.
[Kemback.]	Mr. John Barron.	David Weemyf of Rungay.
[Ferryportoneraig.]	Mr. Samuel Cuningham.	

THE PRESBYTERIE OF KIRKCALDIE.¹

[Kirkcaldie.]	Mr. James Simfon.	The young Laird of Bogie, elder for the Landward.
[Kirkcaldie, 2d Charge.]	Mr. Robert Dowglafs.	John William, elder for the toun of Kirkcaldie.
[Dyfart.]	Mr. William Nairne.	
[Dyfart, 2d Ch.]	Mr. Mungo Law.	George Lundie.
[Kinghorn.]	Mr. Alex. Scrimgeour.	David Brown.
[Auchtertool.]	Mr. William Bell.	
[Auchterlirran.]	{ Mr. John Chambers eld. Mr. John Chambers yo.	James Colvin of Balbedie.
[Kinglaffie.]	Mr. Thomas Melvin.	David Broun elder of Tin- mouth.
[Portmoak.]	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	The Laird of Arnott.
[Ballingray.]	Mr. David Anderfon.	
[Ledlie.]	{ Mr. Thomas Putie. Mr. John Smyth.	The Laird of Strahenrie.
[Keenoghie.]	Mr. Fred. Carmichael.	James Pitcairne.
[Seconie.]	Mr. Robert Cranftoun.	William Rige of Athernay.
[Weems.]	Mr. George Gillefpie.	

THE PRESBYTERIE OF DUNFERMLING.

[Dunfermling.]	Mr. Harie Makgill.	Robert Ged of Badrig.
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¹ In this Presbytery the parishes of Bruntisland and Markinch were vacant.

[Dunfermling, 2d]	Mr. Samuel Row.	
[Aberdour.]	Mr. Robert Bruce.	John Kirkecaldie.
[Inverkeithing.]	Mr. Robert Roche.	Andrew Dikſon.
[Torryburn.]	Mr. James Sibbald.	Andrew Brand.
[Culroſs.]	Mr. John Duncan.	Gilbert Gourlay.
[Carnock.]	Mr. John Row.	William Gibbon.
[Saline.]	Mr. Alexander Fotheringham.	John Alexander.
[Cleith.]	Mr. William Merihell.	John Hutton.
[Kinroſs.]	Mr. James Carmichael.	David Colvin.
[Orwell.]	Mr. John Cowdon.	William Keith.
	Mr. Patrick Geddie.	John Gib.

The brethren abowritin proceeded to the electioun of ane Moderator for this preſent Affemblic, and for that effect wer put in leit Mr. William Scott, miniſter of Cuper, Mr. David Monro, miniſter of Kinconquhar, Mr. William Nairne, miniſter of Dyfert, and Mr. John Row, miniſter of Carnock; and by the voices, miniſters and elders, Mr. William Scott wes chofen Moderator *hoc vice*.

Heades to be inquired in the triall of Presbyteries.

If they keip faithfullie the ordinarie meitings of the Presbyterie for doctrin and diſciplin?

If they have there monethlie diſputatiouns according to the Act of the Generall Affemblic?

If they wſe the viſitatioun of all there kirks betuix everie Synod?

If they have a care of planting and providing there kirkis?

If they have a care in admiſſioun of miniſters to trie them according to the Act of the Generall Affemblic?

If they have any papifts within there boundis?

If they have a care anent the proviſioun of the poore?

If catechiſing univverſallie be in there boundis in burgh and land?

If they wſe doctrin before and afternoone on the Saboths?

If there be doctrin in the weik dayes in there burghes?

If there be ordinarie viſitatioun of there families?

In the fèverall answeris to the articles of triall there wes found great negligēce, and fundrie things done amiffē, which all wes promifed, be Gods affiftance, to be amended.

A refufall to erect a new Presbyterie.—For better fatiffactioun, and for keiping faithfullie the ordinarie meitings of the Presbyterie, Mr. Patrik Geddie, minifter of Urwell, in his owne name, and in the name of certaine of his brethren, desired that ane Presbyterie might be erected at Falkland, be reafon of the farre distance of brether from the featt of there Presbyteries. It wes answered be the Affemblic, that Presbyteries are erected be the Generall Affemblic, and that it is nawayes pertinent to a Provinciall Affemblic to alter the actes of the Generall.

Actes of the Generall Affemblic to be printed.—Anent the overture propound to the Provinciall Affemblic for printing the publiſt actes of the Generall Affemblic, the knowledge whereof is moſt neceſſarie for Provinciallis, Presbyteries, and Sefſiouns within this realme, the Provinciall Affemblic referres this as a ſpeciall inſtruſtioun to be givin be the Presbyteries to there commiſſioners whom they ſhall happen to fend to the Generall Affemblic.

AT ST. ANDREWES, OCTOBER 1, 1639.

[Mr. John Row, minifter at Carnock, choſen Moderator.]

Sefſſio 4, October 29.

Fornicatoris and Adultereris repentance.—It is ordained, that all fornicators, according to the order of the Kirk, ſhall ſit three dayes in the ſtool of repentance, and the adultereris half a yeir; and this to be ane ordinance for all the kirkis within this province in all time comming.

The modeſt habit of Miniſteris and their wyfes.—The which day, anent the habit of miniſteris, and miniſteris wyfes, the Affemblic thocht gude to revive the ancient actes of the Kirk concerning the modeſtie of the appeirell of miniſteris and there wyfes, and to enlarge the ſame to all profeſſouris; and the miniſteris within the province to ſie the ſame put to execution.

The Affemblic ordains everie Presbyterie to intertein a burſare, and

they to agree among themselves concerning the manner, and to report there diligence to the next Assembly.

The Assembly thinks it expedient that it be represented to the next General Assembly, that no minister shall have pluralitie of kirks.

It is ordained, that the Presbyteries within this province be what is done for a provision for a schoole at everie parochie kirk; and withall, that schoollis be visit be the Presbyteries, and that betuix everie Assembly.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE HOLDEN AT KIRKCALDIE.

APRIL 7, 1640.

[Mr. Robert Blair, minister at St. Andrews, chosen Moderator.]

Anent restraining buriall in kirks.—Anent the reference contained in the Presbyterie book of Kirkealdie, requiring the restraining of buriall in kirks, the Assembly referred it to the General Assembly there determination, and everie Presbyterie within there owne bounds, to try what they could gett done in that matter.

Anent Mr. Andrew Mitchellsons slanderous speeches.—The which day, Mr. Andrew Mitchellsone, sone lawfull to Mr. John Mitchellsone, some tyme minister of Bruntland, being cited be the Presbyterie of Kirkealdie, to compeir before this Provincial Assembly, to be censured be it, for slandering the Kirk of Scotland and the Covenant, calling the Covenant ane hypocriticall and traitorous Covenant; called on, and not compeirand, the Assembly ordaines the said Presbyterie to deale with him, first perswading him myddlie to acknowledge his fault, and to bring him to repentance, and if he shall continue stubborne to proceed against him according to the order of the Kirk to the uttermost censures thereof.

The Presbyterie of Cupar is exhorted to unite and brotherlie love among themselves, seeing that process that occasioned any thing to the contrarie is closed.

The Assembly, finding that the brethren of the Presbyterie of St. Andrewes in handling of there common heades, had not disputes among themselves, ordained them to have disputes, when they have a common head, in tyme coming.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE HELDEN AT DUNFERMLIN.
OCTOBER 6, 1640.

[Mr. Robert Cranston, minister at Seconie, chosen Moderator.]

[Mr. David Forrett, admitted minister at the kirk of Forgus.]

[Mr. Frederick Carmichael transported from Kennoquhie to Markinch.]

[Mr. Thomas Hog admitted minister of Kennoquhie.]

Mr. Andrew Mitchelson fled.—The said Presbyterie [of Kirkcaldie], being inquired of their diligence in proceeding before them Mr. Andrew Mitchelson, sone lawfull to Mr. John Mitchelson, sometime minister of Bruntland, according to the ordinance of the said Assembly, for calumniating the Covenant, declared, that they had entered in process against him, and that he was fled out of the kingdom.

Supplication to Parliament for disuniting Kirk of Roslyth fra Innerkethin.—The Presbyterie of Dunfermlin desired, that the Commissioners of the Kirk within this province, appointed to attend the Parliament, wold supplicat the Estates, that they wold be pleased to disunite the kirk of Roslyth from the kirk of Innerkethin; and protested, that the present planting of Innerkethin shold be no impediment thereunto, if the saidis Estates shold think it gude.

Lord Burghley his desire.—The said day, James Arnot of Ferny shew to the Assembly, that my Lord Burghley, his brother,¹ being to lift ane regiment of men out of Fife for assisting our airmie in England, desired that a leit might be made of some of the brethren who wer convened there for the tyme, whereof his Lordship might chuse one to be a preacher to the said regiment. The Assembly differed there answer till the next session.

Ses. 3^a October 7.

Minister for my Lord Burghley his regiment.—For answer to James

¹ Robert, son of Sir Robert Arnot of Ferny, on his marriage with Margaret, Baroness Balfour of Burleigh, took the name of Balfour, and bore the title of Lord Burleigh in virtue of a letter from the King.

Arnott of Ferny his propofitioun aboue writtin, the Affemblie named Mr. Robert Bruce, minifter of Aberdour, Mr. Patrick Scowgall, minifter of Darfie, Mr. Robert Traill, minifter of the Elie, Mr. Andrew Honyman, minifter of the Ferrie, and Mr. John Monereiff, minifter of Kingorne, to be in leit, that my Lord Burghley might chufe ony of them to be preacher to his regiment quhom he pleafed.

Runaway forjors to mak ther repentance, and be delated to the Commiffioners.—Mr. Harie Wilkie, minifter at Portmoock, having inquired of the Affemblie, What fould be the cenfure of fugitives, who wer fworne to there cul-louris, and had fled from them? The Affemblie ordained, that fuch fugitives fould mak there repentance publi&lie befor the congregatioun; as alfo, that evrie minifter fould inform himfelf of fuch perfouns, and delate them to the commiffioners of the paroches.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE HOLDEN AT CUPER, APRILE 6.
1641.

[Mr. Andrew Auchinleck chofen Moderator.]

Superftitious monuments to be demolifhed.—Anent the remit fra the Generall Affemblie concerning fuperftitious monuments, the Moderator required of the Affemblie, if they knew of ony fuch things within there bounds, that if they wer, they might be demolifhed. It wes ordained that all fould fearch, and if any fould be found, to ufe diligence for the demolifhing of the fame.

Reference to Parliament, provifions for fchoollis.—This Affemblie thinks meit to repretent to the Parliamentis confideratioun the neceffitie of the plantatioun of fchoollis, and provifions for them.

Elements, and augmentation of fchipends.—Alfo, that it be repretented to the Parliament, that minifters who hes not competent provifion, and hes not gotten augmentatioun as yet, that courfe may be taken for augmentatioun to them. And feing that the Generall Affemblie ordaines the Communion to be celebrat twyfe in the yeir, meanes may be appointed within evrie parochin for buying of the Elements for that effe&.

Sessio 5, April 8.

Reference to Parliament, the manje 500 merk.—The Assemblie thinks it meit that it be reпреnted to the Parliamentis confideratioun, how that intrantis to the ministrie may be fried of the burthen of 500 merkis lyand upon the manjs at ther entrie.

Lykewyse payment of stipend quhair lands ar unlaboured.—In like maner, that confideration may be had of ministers having there stipend, or ony part thereof, affigned to them owt of teethes of lands unlaboured by occasion of debtis, compryngs, and other impediments, and so they frustrat of there provisioun, what way there loses may be refounded, and they made fure of payment.

Fewell and pasturage.—Also, that the actes anent foggage, fewall, and pasturage may be renewed.

Noblemen fornicators must justify as mean men.—Anent the reference of the Presbyterie of Dunfermlin, craving the determinatioun of the Assemblie, what fall be the maner of Noblemens repentance for fornicatioun; the Assemblie ordained, that they should keip the order establisshed in the Kirk anent fornicatoris with all men.

The Act of the said Presbyterie [of St. Andrewes] for restraining of divers sorts of vyces, is ordained to be registrat in the Provinciaall book, as a commune act of the whole province: the tenour whereof followes;—

AT ST. ANDREWES, MARCH 14, 1641.

Act of St. Andrews Presbyterie for restraining vyces, extendit to the whole province, and is to be intimat in everie parishe.—The which day, the Presbyterie being fullie convened, and having taken to heart the abounding of all maner of sinne, (notwithstanding of the great and glorious workis the Lord hes done, and is doing towards us, and of our renewed and sworne Covenant), whereby the Lord is justlie provoked, not onlie to breake off the course of his great mercies towards us, but also to turn them in most fearfull and terrible judgements: Bot speciallie, having layed to heart the great dishonour done to the great name of God, which is fearfull and glorious, holy and reverend, by blasphemie, swearing, cursing, banning, swearing be the creature, and idle naming of God, as also by the profanation of the Lordis holy Sabbath, by the contempt of Godis word and worshipec, by drinking and tipling, by games and

pastymes, etc. : Therefore hes statut and ordained, like as be thir presentis does statut and ordain, that all the laudable Actis of Parliament, and of Generall and Provinciaill Assemblies, made for the restraining of such gross shames and grievous crymes, be put in executionn be everie kirk Sessioun within the bounds of this Presbyterie, and that the disciplin of the Kirk sall be no less against them, then against whoredome, blood-shed, etc. That everie one that is found cursing, swearing, banning, or onywayes abusing the Lords holy and glorious name, be first gravelie admonished privatlie ; and if they doe not amend, then to be admonished by ane Elder ; and if they hearken not to the admonitioun of one or tuo, then to be summoned before the Sessioun, and appointed, in presence of the whole congregatioun before the people, to acknowledge there offence ; and if they doe yet continue, then to [be] delivered to the Civill Magistrat, to be put in the Jogges and Stockes ; and if for all this they leave not off, then, with the assistance of there masters, to be banished the congregatioun. And to the end that this, so fearfull a sinne, may be tryed, let the Elders be exhorted to be verie vigilant in taking notice of the same, and let all masters of families be taken sollemnlie promised to delate these within there families who are guiltie heirin, either to the Elder of the quarter, or to the Minister, especiallie when he comes along to visit or catechises. And sick-lyke, everie one who profanes the Lordis day, which is the holy of the Lord and honorable, by lyding from the Lordis worship and service, having health of body, by tipling and drinking, either before or after divine service, by games or pastymes, by fischeing, going of mylnes, calling¹ of loads, blocking,² trysting, buying and selling ; that delinquentis of this kynde be punished as is before rehearsed ; and that there be searchers appointed for trying how the Sabbath day is kept, and for delating of such that comes not to serve God in the congregatioun, both before and afternoone. And that people may be kept in better order, and that it may be tryed how God is served in families, it is appointed that everie Minister visit his whol congregatioun, going from house to house, twyse a yeir at least. And because the woefull ignorance, rudeness, stubbornnes, and incapacie that is seen among the commune people, proceeds from want of Schoolis in handward, and the not putting of bairnes to Schooles where they are, therefore, it is ordained that all possible meanes be used, that there may be a Schooll in everie congregatioun ; and that where there is one already, everie one who hes children, ane or mair, put them to the schooll having once past seven yeir old : If the parents be poore, then in that case, that the kirk Sessioun tak order for paying the Schoolmaster his due either owt of the poores box, or ellis be a quarterlie collectioun made for that purpose in the congregatioun afore divine service ; but if the parentis be able, then let them be obliged both to send their bairnes when the Sessioun gives order for it, and not to remove them till the Sessioun be acquainted therewith ; and that the onwaiting of the Schoolmasters be preecislie looked to by the Ministers and Elderis, and if they be found negligent, to be censured ; and that everie howse that is able, have a Bible and a Psalme Book, at least a New Testament. Likewayes, that all those who superstitiouslie carries the dead about the kirk before buriall, as also the hurieing of unbaptized bairnes apart, be taken notice of, and that the practiseris thereof be censured by

¹ Driving.² Making bargains.

the Sessioun. And sicklyke, whosoever keips not there dyetis of examinatioun, hour and place, laying all excuse asyde, be taken order with by the Sessioun, and if Ministers and Elderis be found negligent and remiss in punishing the foresaids vyces, and in doing the recommended dueties, to be exactlie censured be the Presbyterie. And ordaines this act to be intinatin everie congregatioun within the Presbyterie, after divine service.

Dalglesithe satisfieth the Assemblée.—Mr. David Dalglesithe gave the Assemblée satisfiatioun anent the misinterpretation of his doctrin concerning Brunifine, which he declared to be spoken generallie be him, aiming at no particular person.

Sesjs. 7, April 9.

Reference to Parliament hyring of sheavers on the Sabbath.—Anent the fearfull and inordinat abuse of the Sabbath day at Cuper, and divers other partis, by mercatis of men and women offering themselves to be hyred for the harvest everie yeir, with such obstinat boldnes that it cannot be restrained, recommended to this Synod by the ministeris and magistratis of this burgh. It wes thought meit by the whole Synod, that it should be earnestlie represented to the Parliament for the civill restraint: and for the spirituall part of the offence, it wes recommended to all the brethren in all the shyre, that none of there parochie should resort to the saids mercatis for pollutioun of the Lordis Sabbath, and likewise that no man come to hyre, nor to be hyred.

Reference to Parliament anent subscriptions of ministers for securing of gentlemen in ther civill rights.—It wes inquired, be our brother Mr. Frederick Carmichael, minister at Markinshe, and others, whither, for securing of the civill rights of gentlemen holding of the late Prelatis, they might subscribe under the saids prelatiss subscriptions before there deprivation and excommunicatioun. The whole brethren resolved to recommend the civill part of the matter to the enfueing Parliament, that the Estatis may give there determinatioun heirin.

Night unlawful meetings within Presbrie of Cuper referred to ther triall.—Because of the great bruit of unlawfull meetings be night and be day within the Presbyterie of Cuper, and particularlie about Stramiglo, the Synod recommendis the triall thereof to the Presbyterie of Cuper, to the

effect, that if any fall be found guiltie of such unlawfull practises, they may be taken order with, and if otherwayes, that the wnjult slanderers may be found out and censured.

Recommend to Parliament the parish of Aberdour.—The deplorable estate of a great multitud of people living, in the mids of such a reformed thyre, as verie paganes, becausè of the want of the benefit of the Word, there being thrie kirkis far distant under the cure of ane minister, to wit, Aberdour, Dagetie, and Baith; the remeid whereof, the Synod humblie and earnestlie recommendis to the Parliament.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFFE, HOLDEN AT DYSART THE
5TH OF OCTOBER, 1641.

[Mr. Robert Blair, minister at St. Andrews, chosen Moderator.]

Stramiglo meetings groundles.—Anent the diligence of the Presbyterie of Cuper, in the tryall of the unlawfull meitings about Stramiglo, and the authoris of the same, it was answered to them, that after earnest and diligent searche they could find no author of that slander to lay hold on, and that that brute that was disperfed thereanent had no ground so far as they could try; wherewith the Assemblie was satisfied.

Dargie kirk to be visited.—Anent the searching of superstitious monumentis be the severall Presbyteries, it was declared be them that there wes none within there bounds. Onlie Mr. Patrick Seougall reported, that there wes findrie crosses in there kirk at Dargie, which be some wes not thought to be superstitious; and therefore earnestlie desired that the Assemblie wold be pleased to appoint some of there number to visit there kirk heiranent, as also anent buriall within the said kirk; which desire the Assemblie thought reasonable, and therefore nominated and appointed Mr. Robert Cranfoun, minister at Seconie, Mr. John Smyth, minister at Letlie, Mr. David Dalgleishe, minister at Cuper, Mr. Walter Buchanan, minister at Sirefs, Mr. John Makgill, minister at Flisk, Mr. Alexander Balfour, minister at Eldie, Mr. Robert Blair, minister at St. Andrewes, and Mr. Arthure Myrtoun, minister at Crail, the Lairdis of Ferny, Cul-

terny, Kemback, and Inshederny, to visit the said Kirk the first Tuesday of November next for the effect foresaid; and to report there diligence to the next Assemblie.

Hyrring of shearers on the Sabbath.—Anent the profanatioun of the Sabbath day in the tyme of harvest by hyrring of shearers, Mr. Robert Blair, minister at St. Andrewes, one of the Commissioners appointed be the Generall Assemblie to attend the Parliament, declared, that there was a Supplication given in be them to the Parliament, craving ane Act to pass for restraining of the said profanatioun.

Salt pans.—The Presbyteries of St. Andrewes, Kirkcaldie, and Dunfermlin are ordained to deale with the masteris of the salt pannes not to require the fext draught, that the whole Sabbath may be keiped unprofaned.

Scff. 5, October 7.

Commissioners of the Generall Assemblie ther charges to be payed.—The said day the Assemblie ordained, that the severall Presbyteries should tak a course to satisfie the Commissioners of the Generall Assemblie betuixt and the next Provinciaill Assemblie, if they be not satisfied be a publick way before that tyme: Also, that the whole four Presbyteries tak the like course in paying there charges who hath attended the Parliament and the Commission for planting of the kirks of the whole province, everie brother paying according to the proportioun of his stipend.

THE PROVINCIAILL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFFE, HOLDEN AT ST. ANDREWES.

APRIL 5, 1642.

[Mr. John Moneriff, minister at Kinghorn, chosen Moderator.]

My Ladie of Pittenweim deceased.—The Presbyterie of St. Andrewes being inquired of there diligence in dealing with my Ladie Pittenweem, for quytting of her papistrie, declared, that they had obeyed the ordinance of the Assemblie thereanent, and that she wes now deceased; and so this proces ceased.

[Mr. John Mernes, minister at Carnbie, deposed.]

Report aient the kirk of Darsie.—The brethren and ruling elders appointed to visit the kirk of Darsie, aient superstitious monumentis and kirk buriell there, being inquired of their diligence, reported as follows:

At Darsie Kirk, November 2, 1641.—Convened the Brethren of the commissioun from the late Provinciall Assemblie at Dysert, all excepted Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Alexander Balfour, and Inshederny, whose excuses of necessarrie absence wes represented and allowed. The Brethren convened the said day, be commissioun fra the foresaid late Provinciall Assemblie, in the kirk of Darsie, and particularlie viewing all the partis and monumentis thereof, finds, that at the entrie of sindrie deskis, upon the platforme, and above the great west doore, there are crosiar staffes, in some part alon, and in other as a aditament and cognisance of the last pretended Bischop's armes, not being any signe or cognisance ordinarie and commune in the armes of that name or familie, bot meirlie a signe of his degrie hierarchieall, according to the maner and forme used among the Romane hierarchists and others following them: Therefore, according to the Commissioun granted to us, we ordain, be thir presentis, the minister and sessioun of the parochie of Darsie, with the assistance of the heritouris, to tak order with the same, according to the ordinancies of the Generall Assemblies, and the late Provinciall Assemblie directing the foresaid Commissioun. Further, they find superstitious, a glorious partition wall, with a degrie ascending thereto, dividing the bodie of the kirk fra there queir, (as it is ordinarlie called in Papistrie, and among them that follow Papists:) And because this particular is not specialiie named in the Commissioun, and a great part of it is the building and ornament of some desks; and above the great doore of their queir, so called, the armes of Scotland and England quartered, with divers crosses about and beside them, are set up, wherupon the Kirk hes not yet particularlie determined; therefore, that part of superstition, or what is superstitious in it, the Brethren convened referred and returned back to the further consideration of the Provinciall next following.

As concerning the ease of buriell in the kirk, another superstition observed by us there, and especiallie one in the east end of the kirk, including a number of superstitious respectis, the Brethren, having commissioun, as said is, and resolving, upon the most calm and loving sating of all such matteris, for tyme bygane, and in all tymes to come, being put in verie gude hopes that it sall be closed peaceablie, and according to the order, have resolved, for there owne clering, and direction of there brother, Mr. Patrick Seougall, minister of the said kirk, in his carriage about that busines, that they cannot recommend any farther order aient the redres and setling of that matter nor the prosecuting of the order of the Kirk, incase betuix this and the tventie sixt day of November instant, the heritouris doe not repaire to the Presbyterie of Cuper, and there declare themselves to be acted for there uniforme consent, in all tyme comming, to desist fra kirk buriell in the kirk of Darsie; and, for the furtherance of this whole busines, recommends to the Laird of Ferny and Mr. Robert Cranstoun to sic it performed.

Mr. Patrick Scowgall, minister there, being inquired, what was done for the performing of the act abovementioned, reported, that the crossbar staves, upon the entrance of desks, were altogether removed, but as for these upon the platform and above the great west door, they were not as yet removed; but he could be answerable for the removing of them within a short time. And whereas there is mention made, in the act of the visitation of the foresaid kirk, of a glorious partition wall of timber, with a degree ascending thereto, dividing the body of the kirk from the choir, because it was particular and not named in the commission, therefore, that part of superstition, or what is superstitious in it, the Brethren referred back that to the further consideration of the Assembly following: The Assembly taking the foresaid matter to their consideration, after due deliberation, concluded, that the partition wall of timber, or chancel, shall be removed, nothing remaining but shoulder height to be for backs of seats adjoining thereto, and this to be done with all convenient diligence. As concerning kirk buriall there, the said Mr. Patrick declared, that they had discharged it altogether. And whereas the Laird of Ferny and Mr. Robert Cranston were desired to deal for the furtherance of discharging the said kirk buriall, the said Mr. Robert reported, that they had done so, and that Fingask had condescended thereto, upon the condition he should have liberty to set up his seat in the kirk of Dairsie, where it stood before, which they promised should be done; which also the Assembly thought reasonable, and ordained to be so.¹

Fyr of Salt pannes to be put out twelv 12 hours on Satterday night, till midnight of Sunday, quhilk my Lord Synchal granted unto.—The Presbyteries of St. Andrewes, Kirkealdie, and Dunfermlin, being inquired of their diligence in dealing with the Masters of the saltpannes not to require the first draught, it was answered by the Presbytery of St. Andrewes, that they had done nothing ament that matter as yet: They are ordained yet to use their diligence. Kirkealdie and Dunfermline reported, that they had used diligence. Kirkealdie also declared, that the restraint of the said draught would not suffice for eschewing of the break of the Sabbath, but of necessity

¹ “The Church of Dairsie was built by Archbishop Spottiswoode in 1622, when he was proprietor of the Estate of Dairsie. In the old house near the Church, it is said that he wrote his History.”—*Stat. Account*.

tie the fyre behoved to be put owt fra 12 houres on Saturday at night, till 12 houres on Sunday at night; which my Lord Synelar had condiscended unto, and promised it fould be done for his part. The Affemblic desired the other Presbyteries to assay there diligence in effectuating the like.

Anent the bill given in be my Lord Scotstarvett to the Affemblic, complaining, that notwithstanding of ane aët of the last Generall Affemblic holden at Edinburgh, appointing all the feveral Presbyteries of this kingdome to sett down the deseriptiouns of there feveral paroches, according to the alphabet then givin to the feveral Commiſſioneris to deliver to there Presbyteries, and to report the same to the Chancellerie, betuixt and the first day of Januar last bypast, yet none of the ministrie of this province, except nyne of the Presbyterie of Kirkealdie, hes obeyed the samen: Therefore the Affemblic, considering the worthines of the work, tending to the honour of the natioun, appointed the Moderatouris of the feveral Presbyteries to urge the fulfilling of the foresaid aët, betuixt this and the first of Maij next preceisslie.

Book of Cuper approved.—The brethren, ministers and ruling elders, appointed to visit the Presbyterie book of Cuper, approved the same in all the proceidouris thereof.

Anent the reference therein of the too hastie marriage of men after there wifes decease, the Affemblic referres the same back to the discrecion of the Presbyterie.

Sess. 4, Apr. 6.

Anent the reference in the book of Kirkealdie, Whither or no a fast fould be kept at the admission of a minister? the Affemblic referres the same to the consideration of the next Generall Affemblic.

People to give oath at admission of Minister.—Anent the reference therein, Whither or no people at the admission of a minister shall give there oath to obey and reverence his ministerie in the Lord? the Affemblic concluded *affirmativè*, in regard of the practise of other Presbyteries in the province.

Act against loosing of shippes on Lords day.—Anent the reference concerning the lowing of shippes and boattis, being in safe harbries, upon the Sabbath, that there may be ane aët of the Affemblic restraining the same

throwowt the whole province, the Affemblic ordaines, that if any perfone presume to do the famen they be put to publi& repentance.

Setting of nettis in hearing tyme on Sabbath referred to the Affemblic.—As concerning boattis going for the fetting of nettis in the tyme of the hearing drove, onlie on the Sabbath day, the Affemblic referres the famen to confideratioun of the nixt Generall Affemblic.

Act againſt abſents from communion, etc.—Anent the reference contained in the ſaid book, What censure ſould be inflicted upon the perfons wilfullie abſenting themſelves from catechiſing, ſermon, or communion? the Affemblic ordaines they mak there publi& repentance proportionallie to the diettis of there abſence.

Scjs. 5, Apr. 7.

Act againſt theſe who withdraw themſelves befor the cloſe of Affemblic.—This Affemblic ordaines, that everie miniſter and ruling elder who fall abſent themſelves from the Affemblic heirafter, having none of the allowed excuſes, or being preſent, withdrawe themſelves from the Affemblic without leave aſked and given before the diſſolving thereof, ſhall pay ten ſ. ſtarlin to be employed upon pious uſes.

Supplication of Mr. Patrick Robertſon, referred to viſitors of Univerſitie.—Anent the bill givin in to the Affemblic be Mr. Patrick Robertſon, ſchool-maſter of St. Andrewes, deſiring them to tak to their confideratione that the commune ſchool of the ſaid citie be not prejudged by the erection of the Humanitie profeſſion at St. Leonardis Colledge; the Affemblic fand, that it did not concerne them to medle therein, and therefore referred it to theſe who wer appointed for viſiting of the Univerſitie; only they did appoint that a note ſould be made and infert in there regiſter of my Lord Scotſtarvet his offer to the proveſt of the ſaid citie, in preſence of the Affemblic, that the ſaid profeſſour ſould not medle with the teaching of grammar.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT CUPER, OCT. 4, 1642.

[Mr. David Dalgleiſhe, miniſter at Cuper, choſen Moderator.]

The heritours and Sessſion of the kirk of Darſie requyred to tak doune the partition wall thereof.—Anent the reference of the ſaid Aſſemblic to Mr. Patrick Seowgall, miniſter at Darſie, concerning the down taking of the partition timber wall in the kirk of Darſie, the ſaid Mr. Patrick reported, that there wes nothing done in that matter as yet. The Aſſemblic requires and commands the heritouris and Sessſion of the parochie of Darſie, to tak convenient order with that part of ſuperſtition, according to the act of the laſt Provinciall Aſſemblic, as they will be anſuerable to the next Aſſemblic.

Sir Jhon Scotts bill for the deſcriptione of paroches.—Anent the reference concerning Sir Jhon Scott his bill givin in to the laſt Aſſemblic, requiring the deſcription of the ſeverall paroches within the province, the Aſſemblic ſehewes they have done diligence, whilk hes bein delivered be ſome, and is readines to be delivered be others.

Setting of Netts rpon the Sabbath.—Anent the ſetting of nettis in the tyme of the heiring drove upon the Sabbath day, the ſaids Commiſſioners declared, that the Generall Aſſemblic referred that to the conſideration of the next Generall Aſſemblic.

Seſs. 5, October 6.—There is no excommunicat Papiſt in all the province of Fife.

Mr. Samuel Rutherford not to mak uſe of his libertie of transportation.—Ane letter to be ſent to Mr. Samuel Rutherford, Doctör of Divinitie in St. Andrewes, in name of the whole Aſſemblic, earnestlie intreating him that he wold not mak uſe of his libertie of transportation till the next Generall Aſſemblic, without the advice of his brether.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT DUNFERMLINE,
APRIL 4, 1643.

[Mr. Samuel Rutherford choſen Moderator.]

Salt pans of Lothian.—The Moderator of this Aſſemblic is ordained to write ane letter in the name thereof, to the Aſſemblic of Lothian, for restraining of the going of the ſaltpannes on the Sabbath day, in reſpect of the offence given to the Preſbyteries within this boundis.

Fishing and going of Ferrie boatis on the Sabbath.—Also, that instructions be givin to the Commiffioneris that fall be appointed be this Affemblic to attend the Affemblics of Angus and Perth shyres, for restraining of fishing and going of ferrie boatis, speciallic at Brughitie, on the Sabbath day.

Kirkcaldie delyvered the Irish contribution.—The said Presbyterie declared, that they had delivered to the collectouris appointed be the Counsell there contribution for the Irish.

Commissioners apoynted to try who will lend moneyis for the releiff of the Irish armie.—Anent the maner of triall who will lend or give band for moneyes for the releif of the armie in Ireland against the rebellis, the whole Affemblic, in one voice, concluded, that the severall Presbyteries shold meit apart, and mak choise of two brether of everie Presbyterie, with tuo ruling elders, to go throw everie parochie within there bounds, adjoining to them the minister of the parochie, for the effect forsaid; and this to be done before the dissolving of the Affemblic. The Commiffioneris of Angus and Perth shyres present are earnestlie desired to propone this to there Affemblics; and it is ordained, that the Commiffioneris, that are to be sent to the saidis Affemblics from this, have this in there instructions.

[Mr. Harie Wilkie transported from the kirk of Portmoge to the kirk of the Wemyss.]

Interpretation of act in giring of 6 Ministers in leit to his Majestie, referred to the Generall Affemblic.—This Affemblic refers to the Generall the interpretation of the act of giving saxe in leit to his Majestie, of whom one is to be presented to these kirkis whercof his Majestie is presenter, for preveening of inconveniences and difficulties which may arise theirtio.

Persones in eminent place to satisfie as they who are meane.—Anent the question proponed, concerning the censuring of fornicatouris who pretends some obscure place, for eschewing there publi& repentance in ane eminent place, it is ordained, that they fall mak there repentance in the ordinarie place of there residence.

The Commiffioners to be sent to Stirlin Affemblic ar ordained, to desire that Affemblic to tak notice of gentlemen within there bounds that frequentis not there ounie kirk, neither communicatis.

Mr. John Moncreiff, minister at Kinghorne, and the right worshipfull Sir James Melvill of Bruntland knight, are appointed to attend the next Assemblie to be holden at Stirlene the ellevint of this instant.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT KIRKCALDIE,
OCTOBER, 1643.

[Mr. John Smythe chosen Moderator.]

The Ministers to be presented in a list to his Majestie.—Anent the reference of the last Assemblie to the lait Generall Assemblie, concerning the act of the Generall Assemblie in giving fixe in list to his Majestie, whereof one is to be presented to the kirk wherof his Majestie is presenter, it was reported, that the Generall Assemblie had desired his Majesties commissioner to recommend there desires to his Majestie, that his Majestie wold be pleased to accept ane list of thrie; which the Commissioners Grace promised to doe with all convenience.

Sess. 3, October 4.

A letter sent from the Commissioners of the Generall Assemblie to the Synod, shewing the danger of the enemy at the Border.—Anent the letter presented to this Assemblie from the Commissioneris of the Generall Assemblie; first, advertising them of the danger imminent, no small number of hors and foott being come to the Borderis, and admonishing them, in the Lord, to lay the matter to heart themselves, and to labour to mak the people committed to there charge sensible of the Lordis contraverfies with them, on the one hand, and to encourage them, on the other hand, to draw neir unto him who is our onlie refuge and strenth: And for there just and necessar defence and safetie, exhort them to receave and obey, with all cherefulness and diligence, the severall warnings and directions of Kirk and State. The Assemblie heartlie accepted the admonition, and resolved with all cairfulness to practise accordingly. Secondlie, intreating them to shew themselves gude examples in accepting, in thir extraordinary tymes, of that whilk the Estates or there Committies did desire of the ministerie;

whereunto the Assemblie was most willing, and promised, with all possible diligence, to doe there uttermost to give all contentment therein. Thirdlie, requiring that furthwith they wold call there people to humiliation by solemne fasting and praying, so soone as this advertisement shold come to them, that the Lord may be intreated to save us from the dangers threatned by the approach of the enemy. The Assemblie ordained that the said fast shold be intimat in all the kirkis of the province the next Sabbath, to be kept the Sabbath thereafter, the fyftein of this instant. And that among the sinnes of the land, witchcraft shold be specified, and the Lord earnestlie besought to go on in his begun work of discovering the same, that the land may be purged of that abomination. Fourthlie, obtesting them that they wold observe the craftie and malicious enemies, who either wold not fie, or acknowledge the danger, or extenuat the same; and that they wold be cairfull that they be made knowne to the competent judicatories. The Assemblie promised there diligence in this also.

Maner of the incestuous there repentance.—Anent the reference requiring, What shal be the maner of the admission of an incestuous person to his repentance? The Assemblie, finding that the person of whom the case was proponed, had not fitten the full tyme in the publick place of repentance, ordained, that he shal sit ane other quarter of yeir in the said place, with bear head and feet, and stand at the kirk doore betuixt the second and third bellis, in the said habit, all the foresaid tyme.

Act prohibiting caddgers and otheris to prophane the Sabbath day.—Anent a third reference, requiring that ane course might be taken for restraining caddgers, and other such like persons, there travelling upon the Sabbath day; the Assemblie ordaines, that wheresoever caddgers, oxen driveris, and load callers¹ shal be found travelling upon the Sabbath, that they be stoped; and, if they reside within the parochie wherein they shal be apprehended, to be censured be the Session of the kirk; if not, that the minister of that parochie give advertisement to the minister of the parochie where they duell, for order taking with them.

Anent the question, proponed be Mr. David Dalgleishe, What shal be the censure of persons who have carnall copulation before the marriage,

¹ Drivers.

when no scandall at all breakis furth before the marriage? The Affemblic referred that particular to the Presbyterie of Cuper.

Concurrence of the Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie with the Presbyterie of Dunfermling for the tryall of witches.—The said Presbyterie earnestlie desiring that the Affemblic wold joyne some of the Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie to them, that when they fall have adoe in the matter concerning witchcraft they might have there assistance; the Affemblic did nominat Mr. John Moncreiff, Mr. John Smythe, and Mr. Mungo Law, for the effect foresaid.

Tryell of the break of Sabbath at Falkland.—It was also declared, that it was commonlie reported that men played at the catche on the Sabbath day, in the catchpell in Falkland. The Presbyterie of Cuper is ordained to try that, and if it be so, to tak order with it.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT ST. ANDREWES.

APRIL 2, 1644.

[Mr. David Forret chosen Moderator.]

No playing at Cathe in Falkland on the Sabbath.—It was declared be the Presbyterie of Cuper, that it was found by diligent searck, that there was no playing at the cathe in Falkland on the Sabbath day after the fermons, as was alledged be some at the last Affemblic.

Ses. 3, April 3.

The Overtures condescendit.—The whilk day, the brether appointed to meit to advise anent overtures of witches, and to consider what advise fall be given to magistratis be ministreis, when they fall be required anent the censuring of charmeris and consultoris, reported as followes:

1. A Supplication to be sent from this Affemblic to the Councill for ane standing Commiission in everie Presbyterie, for tryale and judging of witches; and if that petition fail, that a reference of this be made from this Provinciall to the Generall, that the Parliament may be dealt with heirin.

2. A reference to be from this Affemblic to the Generall, that more

particular direction may be given to minifteris in the matter of apprehending or trying delated witches, fo far as concernes minifteris; and particularlie, what fould be the ecclefiasticall way in dealing with fuche as are onlie delated be one witch confeffing, without any other prefumption againft them. In the meantym, it is thoght fitteft, till the Affemblic determine, that fuche fould be fufpended from communicating.

3. The feverall Prefbyteries are to be cairfull to think upon and have in readines overtures anent charmeris and confultouris, to be prefented to the next Generall Affemblic. The Affemblic approved the overtures, and condifcended thereunto.

Minifteris nominat to goe to the North with my Lord Elcho.—The faid day, there was prefented to the Affemblic a letter from my Lord Elcho, craving, that feing it had pleafed the Committie of Eftatis to lay upon him the charge to go to the North, and to ufe all ordinarie meanes, fo farre as God will give affiftance, to compefs that impious and vile rebellion againft this Kirk and Kingdom, to nominat tuo of there number to goe along with the people to encourage in fo gude a expedition. The Affemblic, being moft willing to give fatiffaction to fuch a reafonable defire, after deliberation and voicing, ordained Mr. George [John] Monereiff and Mr. George Bayerich, to go along with the faid Lord, and to continue with his Lordfhip the fpace of fourtie dayes; and the Prefbyteries of St. Andrewes and Cuper to releave them, and the Prefbyterie of Kirkaldie to fupplie the faid Mr. John his place, *per rices*, during his abfence.

Lilias Baxter excommunicat.—It is ordained, that all the minifteris of this province fall mak intimation, owt of the pulpitis, of the excommunication of Lilias Baxter, within the Prefbyterie of Kirkealdie, fugitive for witchcraft.

THE PROVINCIALLE ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HOLDEN AT CUPER,
OCTOBER THE FIRST, 1644.

[Mr. Robert Blair chofen Moderator.]

Familie exerceife and vifiting of families pref.—The Affemblic having taken to their confideratione the great neglect and flighting of familie

worship through the severall Presbyteries, notwithstanding of the many former actis made theiranent, the brethreene are exhorted and desyred to visitt the severall families of their congregations, to pres this dutie still, and to threaten censures if it be not performed.

The way of tryall of witches recommended.—The Assemblie, finding that as yit ane approven way is not found out for the tryall of witches, and confulteris with witches, recommends this to the cair of the Generall Assemblie, or Commisioneris thair of.

Reference of Bessie Mafone, a confessing witch.—Anent a reference of the Presbyterie of St. Andrewes, of vniquible Bessie Mafone, a confessing witch, affirming, that one Alexander Beatoune did intice hir to the committing of that fearfull sinne of adultrie, which sinne, as schoe affirmed, caused hir fall into that other sinne of witchcraft; the Assemblie determines, that the said Alexander shalbe putt to his oath.

Helper to the Kirk of Cuper recommended.—The Assemblie, having taken notice of Mr. David Dalgleishie his regrait anent the weightie charge of his ministrie, he being for long tyme without ane helper in his ministrie, recommends this to the diligence of the Presbyterie of Cuper in settling so needfull a work.

Certaine Overtures condiscendit vpon by the Assemblie.

Overtures.—Seing the Lord our God, heighlie provoekit by our finnes, hath called in the sword, and smyten this thyre in speciall, the Assemblie think it fitt that the inhabitants thair of be stirrd vp to humiliation and reformation beyond others.

And first, besyde the solemne humiliation appinted by the Commissioners of the Generall Assemblie to be kept the last Sabbath of October, and the Venisday thairefter, this Assemblie thinks fitt that the Sabbath preceeding, together with the Tuiesday and Thursday of that week, be also dayes of solemne humiliatione; and that the Presbyteries in thair severall bounds, are everie moneth to appoint a day solemnely to be kept till the nixt Assemblie, that the Lord still may abundantly be intraited to grant wnto ws the sanctified vse of his straikes inflicted, as wee would not draw downe new strikes.

Nixt, that immediatly efter the ryfing of this Affemblic, every minifter enter to vifite the families of his charge, exhorting them moft earnestly to repentance, and preffing the performance of prayer in families, and teaching them particularly how to goe about that dutie.

And becaufe the ftraik hath mainlye lighted vpon townes, it is thought fitt that the minifter or minifters, at leaft once a-day, pray publicklye with the people, giving a word of exhortatione breiffie, as healthe and ftrenth permitts; and whair there is conveniencie heereof in the landwart, it is fitt alfo the lyke be done thair.

Nixt, becaufe thes who fell in the hands of the publick enemye vere inhared in dangerous oathes, (though propounded in generall and plaufible tearmes,) or ells have fpoken in favours of the enemies, it is fitt that all thes be informed and convened befor the feverall Seffions, and who ever proves refractarie to be proceffed. As alfo, that in every place, perfons evill affected be censured in due tyme, efpecially fuche as have vented malicious words againft minifters or others.

As alfo, that penalties inacted by law be exacted, by Sabboth breaking, fwearing, and curfing, and that magistrats and heretours in landwart be defyred to affift minifters herein. As alfo, that the act of the Prefbytrie of St. Andrewes, made anent drunkenes, fwearing, and curfing, formerlie approvyn by the Provinceall Affembly, be regiftrat in the Provinciall bookes, and put in execution through the province.

And laft, that the fearfull finnes of bloodfheed and witchcraft with diligence be profecuted, together with inceft and the lyke.

THE PROVINCIALl ASSEMBLIE, HOLDEN AT DUNFERMLINE, THE Tuentie
OF MAIE 1645.

The Affemblic was continued and prorogate to this day, becaus of the prefent troubles of the fhyre.¹

[Mr. Jhone Duncane, Moderator.]

¹ It had been indicted for the first Tuesday of April.

Act restraining Salt panis to be put in execution.—Anent the act for salt panis, it is answered by the Presbytrie of St. Andrews, that my Lord Pittenweeme has acted himselfe, that his panis shall not goe from twelf houres vpon the Satturndayes night, till twelf houres vpon the Sondayes night. The Presbytrie of Kirkealdie answers, that the act is not observed with them. The Assemblie ordaines, that the act of the Synode made thair-ament be put in executione through the severall Presbyteries.

Maintenance for Schooles.—The Assemblie recommends still the cair of provyding for schooles to the Commiffion of the Generall Assemblie, that thei may dealle with the Parliament for that effect.

Trial of witches, &c. referred to the Generall Assemblie.—This Assemblie referis also the way of tryal of witches, charmers, and consultirs with witches to the Generall Assemblie.

Kirk of Duffie.—It is recommended to Alexander Inglis of Kingaske, depute bailzie of the regalitie of St. Andrews, to haue a cair that the act of the Assemblie be satisfiied, anent the full removing of quhat is superstitious in the kirk of Duffie, and particularlie anent the leavelling of the queere; whiche he being present did promise.

Mr. George Dewar deposed.—The Presbyterie of St. Andrews, and Commiffioners adjoynd with thame, made report that Mr. George Dewar is deposed.

Mr. William Barklay deposed.—Anent the reference of the tryal of Mr. William Barklay, minister at Falkland, the Presbytrie of Cuper sheweth, that that busines wes put to ane end, and that he was deposed be the Commiffion of the Generall Assemblie.

Seis suspect of witchcraft to be put to ane asyfe.—The Committee appointed for overtures anent family worship, advyfes that the woman called Seweis, in the prisone of St. Andrews, suspect for witchcraft, and against whom thair be strong presumptions, shalbe first dealt with by the ministers, and others who are acquainted to deale with such persons; and if that way cannot prevaile, efterward thei are to desyre the civile Magistrat to put hir to ane asyfe; as also, a care would be that thes chosen on asyfe be the more judicious and vnderstanding men.

Witches delated by ane witch referred to the Generall Assemblie.—The As-

femblic referris to the Commiffioners of the Generall Affemblic, What fhallbe done with thes who are delated witches, by one only confeffing witche, whither or no thei may be admitted to the benefittes of the Kirk, fome of whom have beene debarred three or foure feveral dyets from the Communion?

Act of the Presbyterie of St. Andrews, restraining Penny-bridles to the number of 20 perfoncs.—The Presbyterie Booke of St. Andrews approven. The Affemblic commends ane act in ther booke, anent the restraining of Pennybrydls to the number of tuentic perfoncs, and ordaines the extending of the faid act in the whole province; whair of the tenor followes:

At St. Andrewes, Aprile 26, 1643.—The Presbyterie, considering the great abuse that still is amongst the most pairte of the commones, by gathering of multitudes to Pennybridles, notwithstanding of several actes made against the same by Justice of Peace and Presbyteries, it is appointed, that ministers shalbe peremptor in proscuteing the tenor of the Act of Justice of Peace, and that, at the contracting, thei shall take the parties enacted in the Session bookes, that thei shall not excede the number designed, [and] that vnder the paine of lose of ther penaltie. And because of the great abuses that is lykwayes among them, by conveening multitudes at baptismes and contractes, the Ministers and Sessiones are appointed to take strict order for restraining thes abuses, that in number thei excede not six or sevin. As also, ordaines that the hostleres who make such feasts shalbe censured by the Sessiones; and the Presbyterie to craue particular account of Ministers and Sessiones heirein, that if thei be found remisse thei may be censured accordiglie; and ordaines this act to be intimate in everie pulpite of this Presbyterie.

Sturdie beggars abuse and profanities.—The Affemblic, confidering the great abuse and profanities by reason of sturdy beggars, doe recommend to Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Thomas Melvill, the Laird of Naughton, and Alexander Inglis of Kingaskie, to represent the samyn to the Committee of Fyffe at Cuper, that thei may deal with the Committee of Estates for redres.

Buchan and Cuper fugitives suspect for witchcraft, to be intimat.—The Presbyterie book of Cuper approven; recommends to the brethrene of the several Presbyteries to intimate in their several kirkes, that Bessie Cuper and Jeane Buchane, fugitives from the discipline of the Kirk, suspect for witchcraft within the parochie of Creiche, that thei may be found out if thei be in the province.

Overtures approven to be practijed.—The brethreene who were appointed to thinke vpon some overtures for the good of the province, did give in thes overtures following; quhilks are approven by this Assemblée, and appointed to be inferd and practifed as followes :

1. The Assemblée appoints a folemne fast and humiliatione to be kept through the kirks of this province, on Sonday the first of Junij, for the causes of the last publick fast, and the recent rageing of the sword and pestilence; and doth recommend to the severall Presbyteries to be frequent in keeping humiliations within their bounds during the continuance of these judgments.

2. The Assemblée recommends to the severall Presbyteries to be diligent in visiting their kirks; and think fitt, that at the visitatione, the elders be inquired severallie, one by one, anent their ministers doctrine and conversatione, and the state of the congregacione.

3. For furthering of familie exercise, this Assemblée thinks meet.

1. That at the visitatione of Kirks, speciall tryal be taken what progres is made in every congregacione.
2. That ministers frequentlie press thes dewties in their doctrine, and labour to perswade the performance of them.
3. That ministers be cairfull to visite the severall houses of their parroche; enquire what ordir is kept in every familie for religious exercises, both on the week dayes, and on the Lords day; instruct their people of the materialls of prayer, and of the observation of the whole Sabbath in families; and exhort them nott to rest in redd prayers, nor in spending a part of the Lords day.
4. That in the Presbyteries every month inquirie be made of everie minister his diligence and success heirement.
5. That ruling elders be exhorted by every minister, not only to be exemplar in performance of familie dewties, but faithfull in pressing them vpon others, in their severall quarters, and delating such as are deficient.
6. And in caise, efter the vse of thes meanes, it be found thes exercises are not performed, that ministers declare the Assemblée wilbe necessitat to proceed to thinke vpon the censures of the Kirk to be vsed against such as are deficient.

Presbetrie of Cuper to try who uttered rascellie and jcurile expressions.—The Presbetrie of Cuper removed, censured, approven. The Assemblée

having heard that some of the brethrene thair are knowen to have uttered vnfeemlie and feurrie expreffions publickly in the pulpit; the Prefbetrie would try who haue failed thus, and make report to the enfewing Synode.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE, HOLDEN AT KIRKALDIE, THE SEVINTH OF OCTOBER, 1645.

[Mr. Jhon Moncreif, Moderator.]

Letter from the Commiffion for tryall of Malignants.—The letter fent from the Commiffione of the Generall Affemblic conueened at Perth, defyring that tryall fhould be made, if either minifters or vtheris had complied with the enimie. Whairvpon the feveral minifters being particularlye inquired, and nothing found againft any of them, except fuehe as the Commiffion of the Affemblic had taken to thair confideratione; alfo the brethrene of the feveral Prefbetries are diligentlye to try who are malignants within thair bounds, and to give in the grounds of thair malignancie, lykwayes the points of thair deficiencie, with all poffible expeditione.

List of the flaine, and neceffituons widdowes and orphanes fince the firft of September, 1644.—Anent the defyre of the Committie of Eftates, prefented by the laird of Boggie, that a particuar list of the neceffituons widdowes and orphanes within the fhyre of fueh as have benee killed in the publick fervice, it is ordained, that a perfyte roll of all the flaine fince the firft of September 1644, be given in, and that it be marked in the roll where thei were killed, and what is the conditione of the reliſt, and what burden thei have of childrene. And this to be deliuered at St. Andrewes the 14 of this infant.

The report of the Committee for Orectures.—1. The Committee thinks it meet that thair be a folemne humiliatione in the fhyre, vpon a Lords day and a weik day, for the cauſes of former faſts, together with the infectione of peſtilence laitlie begun to ſpread in the fhyre; and referris the tyme thairof to the Affemblic.

2. As alfo, the Committee thinks fitt, that thair be a ferious recom-

mendatione for the provisiōne of schooles by act of Parliament, from this Assemblie.

3. Since the Committee of Estates are shortlie to sitt in this thyre, considering what blood hath beene shedd of theis in the thyre by the rebellis, the Committee thinks it fitt that this Assemblie lay hold on this oportunitie for supplicating the Committee of Estates, that justice may be done vpon such of the rebellis as God hath deliuered into thair hands.

The Assemblie, having redd and considered the forsaide Overtures, doe approve of the same, and apointis the 26, being the Lordis day, and 30 of this instant, being Thursday, to be sett apart for fasting and humiliatione through the province. As also, the Assemblie ordains the present Moderator to recommend the overture anent schooles to the Commiſſioners of the Generall Assemblie, that it may be presented to the Parliament by them.

Sicklyke, the Assemblie ordains the Moderatour, Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Patrik Gillespie, Mr. Andro Honnyman, to draw vp ane pithie and effectual Supplication for the executione of justice, and to present it to the Committee of Estates. Lykas, the Assemblie nominats Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. Robert Traill, Mr. Alexander Moncreif, Mr. Andro Bennet, to repair to the Committee of this thyre, to notifie this thair purpos unto them.

The Presbetrie of Dunfermline removed, censured, aproven. Some of the brethreene thair exhorted not to remove thair owne persons from thair charge in the tyme of the distres thair flocks are vnder, becauſe of the plague of pestilence.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE AT ST. ANDREWES, APRILE 7, 1646.

[Mr. Andro Bennet chosen Moderator.]

Witches, charmers, and consulters with witches.—Anent the tryall of witches, charmers, and consulters with witches, the Assemblie referis it to the Generall Assemblie approching, and desyres the Commiſſionars, to be appointed by the severall Presbtries unto the Generall Assemblie, to pres the appointing of a Committee for consideratione thair of at thair first sitting downe.

Kirk of Darfie.—Anent the removing out of the kirk of Darfie the monuments of superstitione, and all other thinges prescribed by the act of the Provinciaill Assemblie, the Assemblie ordaines Mrs. James Wedderburne and Walter Greig, with all earnestnes, to pres Alexander Inglis to put the act of the Provinciaill Assemblie to executione, since the busines hath bene so long delayed; and to report thair diligence at the nixt Assemblie.

Widdowes and orphans.—Anent the names of necessitous widdowes and orphans, whose husbannes and fathes have bene killed in thes late troubles, the Assemblie recommends to the severall Presbtries, that a list of them in every parroche, subscribed by the minister and some elderes, be delivered to the Commissioners from the Generall Assemblie in thair Presbtries, that by them the same may be given in to the Commission of the Generall Assemblie at thair nixt meeting in the second Wensday of Maj; and the Commission desired to deliver the lists vnto the Committee of Parliament, who hath called for them, and to joyne thair request for speedie help.

Kirk in the landwart of St. Andrewes erected.—Anent the erectione of a new kirk in the landwart of the parroche of St. Andrewes,¹ the Presbytrie of St. Andrewes reportes, that thei have obtained ane act of Parliament for the erectione; and that thair is ane young man whobath passed histryalls, and is to be admitted to the new erected kirk, immediatelie efter the dissolvinge of this Assemblie. The Assemblie approves and commendes thair diligence.

Sess. 5. Aprile 9, Ante meridiem.

Mr. David Orme his humbling himself befor the Assemblie.—Mr. David Orme, called vpon, compeird, and the greivousnes of his sinne being represented unto him by the Moderatour, and judgment of the Assemblie concerning his censure declared, he made a large acknowledgment of his faultes, expressing, with teares, his great and unfained greiff for the same, and protested vpon his conscience, that he knew nothing of the foirnamed brethrene, but thei were and alwayes had bene honest and faithfull ministers of the Gospell, and found in the matter of doctrine and discipline. Efter the which, he humbled himself vpon his knees, befor the Assemblie,

¹ Cameron, disjoined from St. Andrews, and erected into a separate parish.

and prayed the Lord earnestlie to forgive him, and desyreing the brethrene lykwayes to forgive him; and promeising, by the grace of God, to be more circumspect in his carriage, and more diligent in his calling in all tyme comeing. As also, to submitt himselfe to what wes enjoyed or further should be enjoyed by the Assemblie.¹

Thes who take or give drinkes, etc.—Annent the reference from Kirkealdie Presbytrie, What shalbe the ecclesiastlike censure of thes who give or tak drinkes for destroying of the birthe? The Assemblie referis it to the approaching Generall Assemblie.

Ruling elderis.—Annent the reference from the Presbytrie of Dunfermline, What shalbe done, if a ruleing elder chosen refuse to accept of the calling? The Assemblie thinkes fitt that he be cited befor the Presbytrie, who are to judge of his reasones, and if thei find them not relevant, to appoint him to vndertake, and if he refuse, to proceed against him with the censures of the Kirk.

Elderes who are not conscionable in their callinges.—Annent the reference concerning elderes who keepe not the meetings of the Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblies, and ar not conscionable in the discharge of their ducie, especiallie in the delateing of the offenders mentioned in the act of Parliament, at Perth, 1645; the Assemblie thinkes fitt that ministers be carefull to have their Sessions purged of scandalous and ignorant men, and to have honest and able men chosen in their places; and vpon the day of receiving the elderes, or intimateing the deposition of any, thei frame their doctrine to the instructing of elderes in their ducie, and all other tymes as occasion shall offer.

Mr. Jhon Barron to be tryed.—Annent Mr. Jhon Barron, who hath accepted vpon him to be Principal of [the] Olde Colledge without evir acquainting of the Presbytrie, and is reported to have vttered, in his exercise befor the Parliament, something contradictorie to what had beene

¹ Mr. David appears to have been guilty of justifying "the lawfulness of treating with James Grilame," and of slandering Mr. Robert Blair and Mr. Patrick Gillespie; for which he was sentenced "to make declaratione of his vnfained repentance, and of his estimatione of the forenamed brethrene," publicly, on the Lord's day, at his own church of Monimetal, and in the church of Cupar.

delivered by some of the brethren who had preached or exercised befor : This Assemblie doth ordaine the Moderatour, Mrs. Walter Greege, Jhon Monereiff, Fredricke Carmichael, Colernie, and Fernies, to meete with the Presbytrie of St. Andrewes vpon the 15th of this instant, at St. Andrewes, for trying and judging the premisses.

Malignants debarred from the Lords Supper.—Anent such as are vnder the censur of the civile magistrat for malignancy, the Assemblie thinks thei should not be admitted vnto the Lords Supper vntill thei be absolved.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE AT CUPAR, OCTOBER 6, 1646.

[Mr. James Wood chosen Moderator.]

Salt panes.—Anent the restraint of going of salt panis on the Lords day, the Assemblie commendis an act of the Presbtrie of Kirkcaldie, made anent falteres, and ordaines it to be practised through the province. the tenor whair of followes :

The quihilk day the Presbtrie considering the multiplied relapse of salteris in Sabboth breaking, and how frequentlie thei have mocked God with simulating publick repentance, yit doe still live in profanatione of the Lords day, and that thei are now become regardles of the forme of thair satisfactioun befor pulpitis, doe thairfor ordaine, that efter intimatioun heirof, the salteris that shall persist in Sabboth breaking, being lawfullie convict of thair sinne, shall make thair repentance in the publick place apointed for receaving of penitents, and to double thair dayes of apeiring befor the congregatioun according to the proportion kept in the receaving of other relapsed scandalous persones, and that they be heirby expresslie suspendit from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, till such tyme as thei give proof of thair reall reformatioun. And this the Presbtrie thinks verie necessarie for the terror and shame of such impenitent and obstinat offenders.

Witches.—Anent the tryall of witches, charmeris, confulteris with witches, it is still referred to the nixt Generall Assemblie to discern thairin.

Witches suspect.—Anent the debarring from the Communion such as have bene delated for witches, by one dying confessing witche alanerlie, the Assemblie referris it still to the determinatioun of the enfewing Generall Assemblie.

Pennibrydles.—Anent pennibrydles, the Assemblie ordaines the act to be publickly red in everie pulpite, and put in practise through the province.

Mr. Jhon Barron.—The Presbetrie of St. Andrewes and Commiffioneris adjoynd with them, mak report that Mr. Jhon Barron gave satisfiactiōne.

Ses. 5, Octob. 8, ante meridiem.

Towne of Cullen.—The quhilk day, thair wes ane letter given in by my Lord Findlater, representing the distressed estate of the towne of Cullen, which wes vtterlie brunt by the rebellis; as also a recommendation from the Estates of Parliament, and Commiffionaris of the Generall Affemblic, desiring that a collectione might be given for the rebuilding of thair houses: The Affemblic recommendes to the severall Presbtries, that thei have the first two dayes collectione through everie Kirk of this province.

Mr. John Row.—Thair wes also a letter given in by Mr. John Row, minifter at Abirdecine, declairing that the Generall Affemblic did recommend that his Hebrew Grammar should be received and perused for the increafe of the first language. The Affemblic thairfoir appoints Mr. Patrik Gillespie, minifter at Kirkecaldie, to signifie vnto the said Mr. John quhat number of thes bookes he shall send, that everie minifter within the province may have on of them for his use.

Supplication to the Parliament.—The Affemblic finding how restles the indevores of the commone enemies are, at this tyme, to work a division and rapture betuixt the two vnited nationes, in one voyce did agree, that a Supplication should be sent from this present Affemblic vnto the enfewing meeting of the Estates of Parliament, to incourage thair honors, and stirr vp thair cair, for preserving that blissed vnione; and appoints Mrs. Andro Bennet, David Forret, Frederick Carnichael, Walter Bruce, minifters, Colernie, Randerstoun, Inchdornie, Fordell younger, ruling elderes, to goe and attend the first sitting downe of the Parliament, to present the said Supplicatione; the tenor whairof followes.

TO THE HIGH AND HONORABLE COURT OF PARLIAMENT, THE HUMBLE PETITIONE OF THE
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFF AT COUPER, CONVEENED THE EIGHT DAY OF OCTOBER 1646.

It is not vnknown to your HONORS, that the solemne and sacred tye betuixt thes kingdomes, so hapilie vnited througt the blissing of God vpon your endevores, hath bene the eye soare of the enemies of the cause of God, being the greatest obstructione of all the designes against

the worke of Reformatione; and that whiche hath not bene preserved without many sufferings and much expence off blood, being the avowed quarrellis of the barbarous rebellis, exercising such vnspeakable crueltie and inhumanitie vpon the Lords people, whair of non have shared more deeplie then this province, which we mention for no other end, then that your Honoures may know wee doe not repent our sufferings so long as wee may enjoy the fruits of the Gospell, and this blisset worke of Reformatione, and sie your Honoris, with all the godlie in thes kingdomes, stronglie vnited in the Lord against the common enemy, but shall yit be readie (through Godis assistanee) to lay out our sellfes in doeing or suffering for the caus of God, as you, in your wisdom and zeale, shall preserbye to vs.

May it thairfor pleais your Honouris, to take vnto your gravest consideratione, the deepe sence whiche your petitioners have of the inveterat malice and restles endevoris of the common enemy, and disaffected partie within our owne bowells, tending to the wakening and violatone of that blisset vnione, togither with humble desire, that, as thair hath bene nothing more befor your eyes then the preservatone of that sacred tye, soe the same mynd may eminentlie shyne foorth in all your Honouris proceedingis in this exigent, that the hopes of the Malignant partie may be finallie blastit, and the desires off al the godlie in thes kingdomes satisfied, with such ane rich blessing as wee pray for, and promise vnto our sellfes from your Honouris meiting at this tyme.

Kirk of Camron.—The Affemblie, finding that the kirk of Camron is now erected by the Estates of Parliament, to be a distinct parroche from the parroche of St. Andrewes in all tyme coming, have thairfor apointed the inhabitants of the said parroche to have the benefittes of the kirk of Camron, and apoints the ministers of the kirk of St. Andrewes to refuse them the said benefittes.

St. Ninians.—The Affemblie aproves the adjoyning of the towne and landis of St. Ninians [St. Minans] to the kirk of Abercrombie; and ordaines the Presbyterie of St. Andrewes to deale with the Commiission for plantatone of kirkes for thair ratificatione.

Of such who debaris themselfes from the Communion.—The Affemblie recommends ane act in thair booke, making mentione of such who refuse to be reconciled befor the Communion, (and so debarring themselfes from the Communion,) that thes should give signes of repentance publiklie befor the congregation. The Affemblie ordaines this act to be put in practife through the province.

Dancing referred.—It is referred to the enfewing Generall Affemblie, the grosse abuse of lascivious mixt dancing.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY AT DUNFERMLINE, APRIL 6, 1647.

[Mr. Walter Greig chosen Moderator.]

Parroch of Newbrough.—Anent a reference of the Presbyterie of Couper. What shalbe the censure of the most parte of the parroche of Newbrough, for conversing with Andro Anderfone, ane excommunicate persone? The Assemblie ordaines, that thei be cited befor the Presbyterie, that thair thei may receive thair sentence, viz. that the severall Elderis, known to have conversed with the said excommunicate persone, shall make thair publick repentance in the face of the congregatioun, vpon a Lords day. Lykwayes, the Assemblie ordaines a solemne fast and humiliatione to be kept that day, that the rest of the parochiners foirsaid may mourne for so great ane offence.

Fornication referred.—It is referred to the ensueing Generall Assemblie to determine, whither trelapſe or quadruplſe in fornication shall satisfie as adulterers, becaus of the frequencie of fornicationes.

Aprile 8, Sess. 5.

The brethreene appointed to mak the draught of ane Act concerning the sanctificatione of the Sabbath, gave in the same, which, being redd and considered, wes voyced and approven by the Assemblie; the tenor whairof followes :

Act for sanctification of the Sabbath.—The Assemblie considiring the great profanatione of the Lords day, (notwithstanding of former actes made against the profaners thair of,) think fitt to require the severall Presbyteries to be cairfull in putting former actes made thairant in executione: As also, doe judge it necessaric to make particuler enumeration of such profanationes as are most common within the bounds of this province, not exprest in former actes; such as goeing about ane civile busines abroad in other congregationes, or at home in thair owne, vpon the Lords day; the setting of horses for hyre, or travelling homeward with the horses that have bene hyred; the going to taverns or aillhouses, befor or efter sermons, within the boundis or places of peoples ordinarie

refidence, and for all others, the drinking of that whiche is beyond needefarie refreshment; the mispending of tyme largelie, fitting and tipiling beyond the tyme needefarie for refreshment, whiche tyme is not to be for ordinarie more then half ane hour, and whair thair is any more then ordinarie ocaasion, not to exceid ane hour, and this to strick against the felleres of the drink alfwuell as the buyeres thair of, in maner foirfaid; the vageing abroad, fitting or walking idle vpon the streetes and feildes, quhairby the sanctifying of the Lordis day in families is vtterlie neglected, and the ocaasion of idle and wordlie conference fostred. And ordaines the transgressores, in maner foirfaid, to be censured in maner following, viz. for the first fault to be conueened befor the Session, and confess thair fault; for the second, before the congregation; and for the thrid, besydes ane other publick rebuiking of them, to be suspendit from the Lords Supper, ay and while they give testimonie of thair reformatione to the minister and session.

The Assemblie ordaines ministers in thair severall charges to take the best courses thei can for restraining the running vp and downe of litle ones and young children vpon the Lords day, in the tyme of, or efter sermons, and that parents and masters be vrged to keepe them within doores. Also, magistrates vould be intreated to put in executione any civile actes that are against yeirlie and weiklie merceates on Mononday or Saturday, according to the laudable practife of Magistrates in other provinces.

Overtures anent Schooles.—The brethreene appointed to give in overtures for promoveing of schooles, gave them in, whiche were approven; the tenor whair of followes.

1. For effectual training vp of childrene at schooles, first, that ministers in thair doctrine prefs frequentlie the ductie of parents to traine vp thair childrene at schooles.

2. Second, that ministeres, in the course of visiting families, take vp a compleit roll of childrene above fyve, and vnder ten yeeres of age.

3. Thrid, that parents frequentlie be exhorted, in the course of visitatione, to send childrene to schooles vpon thair owne charges, iff thei be able, and, whair thei are not able to intertaine them, that the Session provyde for the best remedie; and, in case of slacknes, that the parents of the one and the other conditione be threatned with proceffes.

4. That maisters of schooles be charged to give notice to the minifter or Seflion, from tyme to tyme, of the withdrawing of any childrene put to fchooles, befor thair proficiencie, and that vnder paine of cenfure as the Seflion think fitt.

5. That minifteres doe frequentlie vifit the fchooles, and take tryall if the number of childrene put to fchooles be according to the roll taken vp in vifiting families; and fuchlyke the tryall of mafteres diligence and paines vpon the poore ones.

6. That mafteres of families be exhorted to vie meanes for learning thair fervants to reid.

Faft, 3 Wensday of June nixto come.—The Affemblic, confidering that thair is great increafe of drunkennes and fwearing, and other feandclous offences, within this province, and that thair is much neglect among eldires in delateing offenderes of that kynd, whairthrough thei was unceufured, doe thairfoir appoint a folemne faft and humiliatione to be kept within this province vpon the thrid Wensday of June nixto come, for averting the Lordis wrathe provoked by theis finnes; and doe require minifteres in thair doctrine on that day to prefis vpon elderes thair dueties, and to put them in mynde of the oath of God that is vpon them, for faithfulnes in thair callings, and to take them publickly fworne, who have not given thair oath, befor the congregatione.

THE PROVINCIALLE ASSEMBLIE OF FYFE, HOLDING AT KIRKALDIE,
THE FYFT OF OCTOBER, 1647.

[Mr. Robert Traill chosen Moderator, and Walter Dalgleithe, clerk of the regalitie of Dumfermline, elected clerk to the Synod.]

Act anent the fatisfactione of Expectantis.—The questione being proponed to the Synod concerning the fatisfactione of Expectantis falline in fornication, the Affemblic ordaines ther cenfur to be as followes, viz. That he come firft befor the Presbytrie quher the fault wes committit, and ther mak declaratione of his repentance; then be remitted to the Seflion quher he redifis, for declairing of his repentance in the publi& place; and, eftir he

hes fittine ther tuo Sabboths, he fhall againe come to the Presbytrie to tho yet farder the fence of his guyltines, and his forrow for it. And then, gif the Presbytrie be fatiffet with his repentance, he fhall be receavit the thrid Sabboth.

Act aenit fucareris and obfecan fpeakeris.—As alfo, the Synod does ordaine in all the kirks of this province, minifteris and Seffiones fhall appoynt tuo elderis, quho may, vpoun everie mercat day, tak notice of thefe quho fhall be fund fucaring or vttering any obfecan fpeiches. And that they fhall crave help of the civill magiftrat to concur with them as fhall be neidfull; and that they dilaitt to the Seffionne futch as fhall be fund guyltie.

Mr. Harie Couper and Mungo Diddingftoune.—Aenit the fupplications given in be Mr. Harie Couper and Mungo Diddingftoune, to be receavit in the bofome of the Kirk; the faid Mungo, having given evident fignes of his vnfaigned repentance for his vyle and vulhaird of fornicatioun, is remitted to his awine Seffionne. The faid Mr. Harie Couper is referrit to his awine Prefbetricie.

The Act againft Sir James Scott ordained to be expunged.—Quharas ther wes ane aët of the Provinciall Affemblic at Cuper, anno 1646, Oëtobre 6, *Seſs. 2, poſt meridiem*, depofing Sir James Scot from his office of elderthip, for the reaſones contenit in the faid aët, the Affemblic having receavit his Declaratioun, the tenor quhierof followes:—"I am heartillie forry that any expreffione proceeding from me hes beine offenſive to the reverend Synod of Fyffe, quhilk, I am perfuadit, if it had beine takine in the ſenſe that I meant, wold not have given offence. And, for cleiring of the matter, I declair this wes my meaning, and ſtill is, That I did not aſeryve prayer vnto phantaſie and memorie as principall cauſſis, (ſeing the Spirit of God is author of prayer); bot I conceave them to be naturall faculties, quhich being illuminat by Godis Spirit, therby one is maid mor fit to pray. (*Sic ſub.*) J. SCOTT."—Appoynts the faid aët of the daitt foirſaid to be expunged.

Mortification of Mr. Harie Smyth's ſhipend.—Aenit the mortification of ane ſhipend to Mr. Harie Smyth, miniſter at Baith, ilk ſeverall Presbytrie within the faid Synod ar content to contribute as followes, viz. The Presbyterie of St. Androis four hundreth pounds, the Presbyterie of Cuper tua

hundreth and fiftie pundis, the Presbyterie of Kirkaldie thrie hundreth pundis, and the Presbyterie of Dunfermling, tuo hundreth and fiftie pundis. Approvine, and recomendit to the severall Presbyteries.¹

The Presbyterie of Dunfermling removit, wer also approve; onlie it wes recomendit to them that fornicatoris ther fitting vpon the place of repentance vpon weik dayes fould not be allowit in stead of Sabboth dayes. As lykwayes, Mr. Harie Smyth, minifter at Baith, wes defyrit to look nar-rowlie to on of his parochinaris, quho is reportit to be now and then at the putting of violent hand to himself, and requyre the assistance of vther bretheren for that effect.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDINE AT ST. ANDROIS.
THE 4 APRILE, 1648.

The roll of the ministeris and rewling elderis of this Assemblie ar cited according to the ordour, quhoſe names followes:

THE PRESBITERIE OF SAINT ANDROIS.

Saint Androis.	{	Mr. Robert Blair.	
	{	Mr. Samuell Rutherford.	
	{	Mr. James Wood.	James Suord.
	{	Mr. Andro Honyman.	
	{	Doctour Colvill.	
Saint Leonardis.		Mr. Walter Comrie.	Mr. David Neave.
Camroun.		Mr. George Nairne.	Jno. Martine of Lathone.
Dyninnow.		Mr. Johne Hairt.	The Laird of Kinnaldie.
Kingitharnes.		Mr. James Bruce.	Laird of Pitmillie.
Kilrinnie.		Mr. Robert Bennet.	Sir James Lumisdenn.
Craill.		Mr. James Shairp.	Mr. Johne Lindſay of Wornifton.
Auftruther Eifter.		Mr. Coline Adame.	William Blak.

¹ Baith had been disjoined from Aberdour.

Anstruther Westir.	Mr. David Guthrie.	Peiter Olyphant.
Pittinweim.	Mr. Johne Melvill.	Johne Keith.
Abercrumbie.	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	Johne Ireland.
Carnbie.	Mr. Harie Rymour.	Laird of Monereiff.
Kileonquhair.	Mr. David Forrett.	Laird of Kilbrekmonth.
Elie.	Mr. Robert Traill.	Laird of Sanfuid.
Newbirne.	Mr. George Hamiltone.	Laird of Auchmutie, yr.
Largo.	Mr. James M'Gill.	Laird of Lundie.
Kembok.	Mr. George Barone.	
Forgounie.	Mr. Alex. Weddirburne.	Dav. Balfourof Sandfuid.
Ferrieportnacraig.	Mr. Thomas Wood.	
Leucharis.	Mr. Patrik Skougall.	Johne Meldrum.

THE PRESBITERIE OF COUPER.

Couper.	Mr. David Dalgleishie.	Carslogie elder.
Dairfie.	Mr. David Raitt.	Kembok elder.
Syruf.	Mr. William Row.	Robert Bennet younger.
Cults.	Mr. Johne Alexander.	William Dawzell.
Kettle.	Mr. Johne Ramfay.	
Falkland.	Mr. William Leivingftone.	Laehreifs younger.
Stramiglo.	Mr. Johne Murray.	Balcanquell.
Auchtermuehtie.	Mr. James Martine.	Gen. Maj. Leslie of Myres.
Culleffie.	Mr. Johne Litaljohne.	Jas. Lindfay of Kilquhis.
Monymaill.	Mr. David Orme.	The Laird of Mount.
Ebdie.	Mr. Alexander Balfour.	The Laird of Aytoun.
Newburgh.	Mr. Laurence Olyphant.	Andro Anderfone.
Flik.	Mr. Johne M'Gill, elder.	Laird of Creich.
Creich.	Mr. Andro Bennet.	Robert Williamfone.
Dunboig.	Mr. Johne M'Gill, younger.	Thomas Bowman.
Balmerinoch.	Mr. Walter Greig.	Andro Condie.
Kilmanie.	Mr. George Thomfone.	Gen.-Major Lumifdenn.
Logie.	Mr. Johne Durie.	William Bell.
Munfie.	Mr. James Weddirburne.	Johne Ferrie.

THE PRESBITERIE OF DUNFERMLINE.

Dunfermling.	{ Mr. Robert Kay.	The Laird of Balmule.
	{ Mr. William Olyphant.	
Baith.	Mr. Harie Smyth.	Andro Bettfone.
Aberdour.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	David Stevinfone.
Dalgatie.	Mr. Andro Donaldsfone.	Sir Johne Erkyne.
Innerkeithing.	Mr. Walter Bruce.	Robert Brown.
Torrieburne.	Mr. James Sibbald.	
Culrois.	Mr. Johne Duncane.	Johne Maftertone.
Carnock.	Mr. George Belfrag.	Robert Creiche.
Saling.	Mr. William Merthell.	
Cleifehe.	Mr. James Carmichall.	Andro Hendirfone.
Kinrofe.	Mr. George Coldine.	Wm. Shaw of Lathangie.
Orwell.	Mr. Patrik Geddie.	

THE PRESBITERIE OF KIRKALDIE.

Kirkaldie.	Mr. James Symfone.	
Kingorne.	Mr. Johne Monereiff.	Johne Bofuall.
Bruntiland.		
Auchtertuill.	Mr. Jothua Meldrum.	Halzeardis, younger.
Auchterderay.	Mr. Johne Chalmeris.	James Tod.
Kinglaffie.	Mr. Thomas Melvill.	Pitzoher.
Ballingrie.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	Patrik Greig.
Portmook.	Mr. George Ogilvie.	Kirknes.
Leffie.	Mr. Thomas Black.	George Thomfone.
Markinch.	Mr. Frederick Carmichaell.	David Landallis.
Kennowie.	Mr. Thomas Hoig.	William Miller.
Scunry.	Mr. Alexander Monereiff.	
Weyms.	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	David Broune.
Dyfert.	{ Mr. William Nairne.	
	{ Mr. James Wilfone.	Archibald Halket.

[Mr. Johne Moncreiff chosen Moderator.]

Profanation of the Lordis day.—Concerning the reference anent the profanation of the Lordis day by feing of heareris thervpoun, the Affemblic expectis the diligence of the Commiffione of the Kirk theranent, to quhom the famyne wes remittit; as alfo, defyres the Commiffioneris of the feveral Presbyteries of the province, to recomend to the faid Commiffione of the Kirk, that the reiding of warnings for removing of tennentis, inhibicionis for teyndis, and vtheris of that natur, may be put af the Lordis day, and that the Commiffione of the Kirk may deal with the Parliament theranent.

Commiffioneris for the change of Mercattis.—The Affemblic, taking to thier confideratioun that the Aëts of Parliament concerning the change of mercattis, both anniverfary and weiklie, from Saterdag and Monenday to fome vther dayes in the weik, for the mor religious obfervatioun of the Sabboth, ar not put to executione in manie partis of this province, they therfor ordaine that the feveral Sefliones and Presbyteries *refpectiue*, fhall vse exact diligence for effectuating therof; firft, by ferious recomending it to the feveral brughis and villages within ther boundis, and incais of ther refufall or vnnecesser delay, to vse fome legall way by advyce of the Advocat of the Kirk, how they may be compellit therto.

Colleague for Mr. Johne Duncane.—Concerning the fetling of aue colleague to Mr. Johne Duncane in the parochie of Culros, report being made be the faid Mr. Johne, that aue competent provifione wes fetlit for the faid colleague, and that they wer vpoun the choyfe of aue fitt man for the charge, the Affemblic recomendis the cair heirof to the Presbiterie, and fpeciallic to the faid Mr. Johne, that the famyne may be put to aue poynt againft the nixt Affemblic.

Bonfyres vpoun fuperftitious nights.—Concerning the kindling of bonfyres vpoun fuperftitious nightis, viz. Midfomer and Alhallowmes, the Affemblic ordaines, that the feveral Presbyteries tak exact notice of abufes in that kynd within ther boundis; and that the feveral heretouris, and in ther abfence the principall tennentis, with the concurrence of the Elderis in eache parochie, cairfullie obferve delinquentis, that they may be cenfured according to the Aëts of the Kirk.

6 Aprilis, Sess. 5, *postmeridieum*.

Causès of a Fast.—The Assemblée, finding it necessar in this exigence of tyme, that a solemne day of humiliatioun be appoyntit throw the severall kirkis of this province, they appoint Mrs. Samuel Ruthervird, David Forret, and Walter Greig, ministeris, to condiscend vpon the Causès. Quha, having removit themselfs, did present to this Assemblée the Causès following :

Causès of a Fast through the province of Fyffe.

1. The great abounding of loosnes, profanitie, and grose ignorance of God, and the extreame securitie and hardnes of heart, notwithstanding of the rich mercie and goodnes of God, in vouchasing the means of grace so plentifulle, and so manifest evidences of the heaveie displeasour and wrath of God, especiallie against this part of the land.

2. In many societies, familieis, and particular persones, not so much as a forme of religione, and, in the far greatest part, litle or nothing of the power of godlines, but a meer formalitie in secreit, domestick, and publict dewties.

3. A dispying, hating, and mocking of the power of godlines.

4. A generall declyning and defectione from our former zeall in the mater of religione, covenant, and work of reformatioun, palpablie discernable in many ministeris of all rankis, in nobles, gentlemen, burrowes, communes, particularlie in ministeris, quherof too manie ar disaffected to the cause of God, as appearis by ther cariage in the publict judicatures, manie carles, and not spirituall, in going about ther dewties of ther ministeriall functione, some scandalous and offensive.

5. The great corruptione creipt generallie into the judicatures of the land, be reasone of divers persones therein evidentlie disaffected to the cause of God ; quherof some have bein opine enemies, otheris secreit vndermyneris.

6. The vnwillingnes and want of zeall in elderis, in not dilating and repressing the abhominable provocatiouns of swearing, cursing, rotten communication, Sabbath breaking, and vncleannes, throw the not executing of the lawes, civill and ecclesiasticall, maid for that effect, notwithstanding

of our manie profeffit folemne fafts of old and of late, for thefe and the lyk feandalous finnes.

7. We ar humblie to intreat the Majestie of God, that he wold gratioullie be pleafed to change the heart of the King, and mak him a heartie favourer of religione, and the caufe of God, to purge out the corruptions of the judicaturis of the kingdome, and to fhyn vpon the determinationis of State and Chureh; that futeh courfes may be refolved vpon as may eftablifh Religione, promote the endis of the Covenant, and preferve Monarchie in the perfone of the King and his pofteritie.

Quhilk being read and confiderit, wer vnanimoullie approve, and the firft Thurfday of May, being the fourt therof, appoyntit for that effect.

Chapmen.—The Affembly recomendis to the feverall Prefbyteries, that chapmen be oblidged to adher fo to fome certaine congregatioun, that they be examined and comunicat ther, and be able to bring from thence testimoniallis.

Mr. Zacharie Boydis Pfalmes.—Concerning the defyre of the Comiffione of the Kirk for revifing of Mr. Zacharie Boydis Pfalmes and Spirituall Songs, the Affembly hes put it in the handis of the minifteris of St. Androis, and maifteris of the New Colledge, quha ar appoyntit to revife the fame, and report ther diligence to the nixt Synod.¹

THE PROVINCIALLE ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT COUPER THE
17 DAY OF OCTOBER, 1648.

Mr. Samuell Rutherford chofen Moderator.

Superflitious fyres.—The Affembly ordanis that intimatioun be made

¹ Mr. Zachary Boyd, minister of the Barony parish of Glasgow, whose numerous poetical works on scriptural subjects are well known to the literary antiquary, prepared a metrical version of the Psalms, which was published at Glasgow in 1646, under the title of "THE PSALMES OF DAVID IN MEETER, BY MR. ZACHARY BOYD, PREACHER OF GODS WORD." Mr. Boyd having designed this work for the use of the Church of Scotland, it was submitted to the revisal and sanction of the Generall Assembly, and the different Presbyteries; but, although by no means destitute of merit, the metrical version by Rous was adopted by the Church in 1650, and any other discharged from being used in divine worship.

of the aēt againſt ſuperſtitious fyris, the Sabbath befor Midſomer evin and Hallow evin, (as they call them :) and that the nixt Preſbitrie day, efter aither of the ſaidis dayes, the Moderator of ilk Preſbitrie crave acceomp of all the brethren quho hes failzeit againſt theſe aētis, that he may be preſentlie censured.

Committee appointit for tryall of Mr. Walter Bruce.—The Committie, appointit be this Aſſemblic, for conſidering Mr. Walter Bruce his proces, reportit, that having viewed the proceedings of the late committie at Dalgatie, appointit be the former Aſſemblic thairanent, do find, that the matter is not as yit rype for this Aſſemblic : as alſo, that having callit vpoun Mr. Walter and inquyrit of him, quither as yit he wold acknowledge the wordis alledgit ſpokin by him in his ſermone, viz. “ That the ſpirit of godlines in thir tymes was ane ſalt humour aryſing fra the melt trubling the ſtomack, and aſcending to the head, whilk maid a craking of the braine,” he did ſtill ſtand to the denyall thairof, both in wordis and fence : Thairfor thinks fitt, (gif the Aſſemblic ſhall ſo judge,) that thair be ane new committee appointit to go on with the proces betuixt and the nixt Aſſemblic. Vpon the whilk report, the Aſſemblic dois appoint the perſonis following, viz. Mrs. Samuell Rutherford, John Monereiff, Fredrick Carmichael, John Duncane, James Sibbald, Walter Greig, George Thomſone, James Wood, David Forrett, Alexander Monereiff, James Wilſone, miniſteris : rewling Elderis, the Lairdis of Creich, Fenvis, Auchmowtie younger, Kinneraig, and Finmonth : to meitt at Kirkealdie the firſt Tyidſday of December nixt enſewing, with continewatioun of dayis, and that they, or any ſevin of them, ſhall have full power to judge and determine the hault buſines, as they ſhall find cauſ.

Mr. Walter Bruce and Mr. William Merſchell.—Lykas, the Aſſemblic having heard ſome ſcandalous reportis of the ſaid Mr. Walter, as one that vſe ſweariſh, and hes not preachit againſt the late vnlawfull Ingagement : as alſo, having hard that Mr. William Merſchell, miniſter at Sawling, dois vſe ſweariſh, and hes bein alſo in his preaching ſilent againſt the ſaid Ingagement, and ſcandalouſlie converſit with Malignants : appoints the ſoirnamit perſonis to cognofce, judge, and determine vpoun theſe matteris alſo : and for that effect, ordains the Preſbitrie of Dunfermline to mak

ferious inquisition and tryall concerning the former scandalous reports of the saidis Mr. Walter and Mr. William respectiue.

Zacharie McCallum.—Mr. James Wood having representit a defyre to the Assemblie for mantainance of ane boy, callit Zacharie McCallum, having the Erish tongue, at the gramour schooll of St. Androis, for the space of ane yeir, untill he be readie for the Colledge; the said defyre was grantit.

Letter to the Commission of the Generall Assemblie read and approvyn.—The draucht of the Letter, appointed to be drawin vp to the Commission of the Generall Assemblie, being publickly read, was vnanimously approvyn, and appointed to be presentit be Mr. Samuel Rutherford, minister, and James Suord rewling elder, to the Commission of the Kirk, with the first convenience; the tenor quherof followis :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

AMONG the manie and great mercies which our Lord had, from tyme to tyme, manifestit towards his Church in this land, wee cannot but acknowledge this a verie singulare on, neuer to be forgottin by any of ws, or of the people of God, that, in a tyme of such difficulties and dangeris as this Church hes bein involved in of late, he hes bein pleased to make yow, who wer set vpon the watch tower, so providentie forsie, and faithfullie to geue warning of the dangeris to people of all ranks and places; and that he hes also givin so eminent and glorious testimonie to your pains and labours for his awne glorie, and saftie of his poor Church, by terrible things in richteousnes against the dispyseris of his counsell holdin furth by yow. Wee are confident, without all dowbtting, that yow are sensible of the great ingagement heirlie layd vpon yow not to wearie in such weill doing, bot more and more, in the might of the power of the Lord, to improve the trust committit to yow, as to prevent and obviat in your way all plottis and designis that men, who will not sie the Lords hand quhen it is lifted vp against them, may yit contrive and pursue against the caus of God in these kingdomes. So also to take ordour with such men, especialie in the function of the holic ministerie, as may be fund, in the tyme of the late lamentable defectioun and euill cowrses, to haue bein complying with, or acting in divisive way for justifying and advancing thair of, of which sort wee ar greived that so manie are liklie to be fund in the land, though with all divine dispensatioun is to be adored which hes suffred them to vent them schilis at such a tyme that they might be manifested that they have not bein all of ws. Wee have bein now some dayes heiring, and since our meitting heir, more fullie and certaintlie informit, that in our neighbouring province of Perth verie manie brethren at and about the tyme of the late Generall Assemblie, in sundrie clandestine meittings, drawin vp paperis tending to compliace with the late sinfull Ingagement, which they purposed to have givin into the Assemblie: Whairvpon wee did enter vpon ane vupartiall shearch and tryall of all these of our owne province that wer present;

posing euerie man verie solemnlie, least any such euill work should be found among vs also. Bot (blessed be God) haue fund nou at all, which wee thought fitt to communicat to your worshipps then rather to stop the monthis of such as may be readie, for their awne ends, to east aspersionis of this kynd vpon any in our province. Nevirtheles, accompting ourselffis as memberis of the bodie much interessit and concernit in the weillfair of the whole Church, wee thought it incumbent to vs now assemblit togidder, to signifie vnto you our deip sence of such courses in vtheris, and our desyre that ye wold, with all possible diligence and zeall, go about to discover and tak ordour with them according as the importance of the matter requyris. Trewlie wee cannot bot say, that in our judgement quhoener they be, they haue not onlie contravenit the faithfull proceedings of the late Commission of the Church, so vnanimonslie approvyn be the Generall Assemblie, bot also verie grivouslie violated our Solenne Covenants, and endea-vourit a most dangerous rent and shisme in the Kirk of God. Bot knowing that your Worshipps are able to sie more thairin nor we possible cane, wee craue pardon for suggesting so much. And committing yow, with your counsellis, vnto the directioun and prospering blessing of the Lords spirit, restis

Your loving Brethren,

(*Sic Sub.*)

MR. SAMUELL RUTHERFURD, *Moderatour.*

COUPER, 18 October, 1648.

Questionis proponit to this Assemblie.—The Assemblie being certainlie informed that thair hes bein some supplicationis and paperis, tending to compliance with the late sinfull Ingagement, contrair to the proceedings of the late Commiffioun of the Church, haue bein drawne vp and subferyuit in and about the late Generall Assemblie by manie ministeris in fundrie Presbyteries of this kingdome, to be givin in to the Generall Assemblie: and hearing of firmifes, that some brethren of this province had hand in paperis of that kynd, thought it necessaric that all and euerie one of the memberis of this present Assemblie should be solemnlie posit vpon these questionis following, viz.

1. Quither any paper, supplication, or purpose, concerning the common caus and late Ingagement, drawin vp or ventit be quhatfimeuer personis, was presentit or communicat to yow without the knowledge or consent of the Presbitries and iudicatories of the Church respectiue quhair ye are?

2. Quither ener ye heard of any such supplication, paper, or purpose, going throw the cuntry?

3. Quither euir ye consentit to or subferyuit any fuch fupplicatioun or purpofe?

4. Quither ye was at any meitting at Edinburgh, or els quhair, aither with Statis men or vtheris, advyfing or confulting about matteris of the late Ingagement and publi& caus, prejudiciall to the refolutionis of the Commiffioun of the Kirk, or without the knowledge of the publi& Judicatories of the Kirk quher ye are refpectiue?

5. Quither ye know any that hes subferyuit the late Band of the Parliament, or hes givin counfell or consent thairto, within the province of Fyff?

Which being accordinglye done, every one prefent in the Affemblye did purge them felkis concerning every one of the articles for thair awne pairt: Only fome declairit, that they could not fay bot fome of thair parochinars might have subferyuit the Band of the Parliament, wha wer weil enough knowne to all. And Mr. Patrik Skougall declairit, as to the fecond article, that quhill he was at Edinburgh the tyme of the Generall Affemblye, Mr. Alexander Keith, minifter at Strabrek, in difcours with him, proponit this queftioun to him, Quhat gif thair fould be ane fupplicatioun of minifteris for better correffpondence betuixt the Kirk and State? That he anfuerit to the faid Mr. Alexander, that it wold be a divifive motioun, and vnlawfull; and that heiron no farder difcourfe paff betuixt them anent that matter.

Mr. David Rait.—Report being maid of fome feandalous wordis vttered by Mr. David Rait, in ane prayer at Falkland, in relatioun to the late finfull Ingagement, viz. thefe, “Lord preferue Our Armie that is gone in to England, from doing any thing againft the Covenant.” And Mr. David being pofit heirvpoun, declaird, by folemme proteftatioun, that he neuer callit it Our armie, bot That armie: and that his intentioun, in the reft of the wordis, was no other bot that God wold refrain thair power from doing mifeheiff. Vpoun which declaratioun of Mr. David, and withall, the teftimonie of his brethren of his honeftie in the publi& caus, the Affemblye acquieffed, only admonifhing him to be more circumfpect in his wordis both in preaching and praying heirefter.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FYFFE, HALDEN AT DUNFERMLINE
THE THIRD DAY OF APRILE, 1649.

[Mr. George Hamilton chosen Moderator.]

Actis for restraining of the profanation of the Lordis day.—The Affemblic, for restraining of the profanation of the Lordis day, by hyeris, carieris, and vtheris, ordains that pairt of the aēt maid thairanent, at Dunfermline in Aprile 1647, to be cairfullie put in execution, with this addition, that jorneyis on the Satturday be so contrivit that thair be na necessitie of returning on the Sabbath. And recommendis the execution heirof to all magistratis of burghis and vtheris concernit thairin. And that carieris be appointit to produce thair testimoniallis quhair they restit on the Sabbath, according to the aēt of the late Generall Affemblic.

Colleague for Mr. John Duncan settled.—Anent ane colleague for Mr. John Duncan, minister at Culros, the parochin of Culros hes obeyed the ordinance of the Affemblic thairanent.¹

Zacharie McCallum.—Anent Zacharie McCallum, it is ordinit, that for euerie kirk within the province thair be payit fortie thillings for his maintenance, and the proportion of the difference of the kirk is referrit to the severall Presbitries.

April 4. Sess. 3. antemeridion.

Yule day.—The Affemblic appointis the severall Presbitries to enquire in thair boundis, quhat superstition is vsed in observing of Yule day, and accordingly to censure the samen; and to advyse what effectuall course may be taken for suppressing thair of in tym coming.

Superstitious going to wellis.—The Affemblic, being informit that some went superstitionlie to wellis denominat from Saintis, ordains Presbitries to tak notice thair of, and to censure these that are guiltie of that falt.

Reference anent witchcraft.—It is also referrit to the Generall Affemblic, quhither persons dilattit for witchcraft, and not purgit, may be admittit to the benefitt of the Kirk.

¹ Mr. Robert Edmoustoun appears in the Roll of the following Synod as the colleague of Mr. Duncan.

Meafoun word.—The Affemblic referis the reference from the Presbitrie of Dunfermline, concerning the Meafoun word, and thair oathis of fecerie thairanent, to the Generall Affemblic.

The brether nominat to affift in the chufing of Regentis.—The Presbitrie buik of St. Androis fein and approvin. Thair being presentit to this Affemblic ane act from the vifitoris of the Vniverfite of St. Androis, datit in Januarij 1649, concerning the eleftioun of the minifteris to affift in the chufing of Regentis in the Colledges of Philofophie thair, the number not exceiding fyve, and the quorum thrie: do heirby appoint and ordaine thair reverend brether, Mrs. Robert Blair, James Sharpe, Alexander Moncreiff, Walter Greig, William Oliphant, minifteris, to joyne with the minifteris [maifteris?] of the Colledge quher the Regent fall happen to vaik, for tryall of the teftimoniallis, literatur, and converfation of the intrant, conforme to the act, and this commiffioun to continew for a yeir.

Letter from Ferny to be anfwerit.—The Affemblic, having receauit ane letter from the Laird of Ferny requyring for a lift of Malignantis affifting to the late finfull Engagement, referis the anfuer thair of to the difcretioun of the feveral Presbitries, and ordains a letter to be writtin from the Synod to the Laird of Fernie to that effect.

Aneut help for bringing witches to confeffion.—The baillies of Innerkeithing defyrus for help in examining and bringing witches to confeffion, the Synod recommendis this to the Presbitrie of Dunfermline.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE HALDIN AT KIRKCALDIE, THE
TUENTIE FYFT DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1649.

[Mr. John McGill chofen Moderator.]

Proviſioun of kirkis and ſeollis.—The Affemblic having enquiryit the feveral Presbitries, quhat diligence they have vied anent the proviſioun of kirkis and ſeollis, anfueris as followis, viz. The Presbitrie of Dunfermline hes alreadye plantit thairis, except ane or tuo, quhilk they intend, God willing, to plant at the nixt vifitation of thair kirkis: The Presbitries of Sainctandrois and Kirkealdie hes alreadye done thair diligence in

that point. And the Aſſemblic recommendis to the Preſbitrie of Couper to provyde for their ſcollis, conforme to the actis of the Generall Aſſemblic maid thairanent.

Purging of Seſſionis from ignorant and ſcandalous perſonis, and ſuperſtitious obſerveris of Yule day, &c.—The Aſſemblic ſtill recommendis to the ſeverall Preſbitries, to think ypon the moſt effectuall way for purging of Seſſionis from ignorant and ſcandalous perſonis: and to censure theſe in thair boundis that obſervis Yule day, and gois ſuperſtitiouſlie to wellis denominat from Sainets: and to advyſe quhat effectuall courſe may be taken for ſuppreſſing thair of in tym comming.

Act in favouris of David Balfour.—The Aſſemblic having ſeriouſlie conſiderit the petition given in be David Balfour, quho had bein detained long in captivitie, and had ſervit ſlyve voyages in the Turkis gallies at Argeiris, ſfor quhois releiff the Parliament ordained a contributioun to be collectit: in obedience quhair of, the province of Fyffe did contribute ane certaine ſomme of money, and put the ſamen in the handis of Mr. John Monereiff, miniſter at Kingorne, and Mr. Robert Cuninghame of Woodfoild, burges thair: and the Aſſemblic, conſidering that it hes pleaſit God in his providence to bring the ſaid David home to his dwelling place: and finding that he hes onlie obtainit fridome to his perſone, bot is ſtill in a verie diſtreſt conditionn: the Aſſemblic conſidering that charitable dealling of the Thrie Lowdians to Mr. Alexander Riddoch and his brother, who were in his companie at that tyme, and thair los far inferiour to his: doe thairſoir appointt and ordaine the whole ſuperplus of the contributioun receavit be the ſoirſaidis perſonis, (exceptand the ranſome of Claws Pitelaine,) ſfor the quhilk the ſaid Mr. Robert hes geven band, and ſome more releiff to the reliet of vmquhile Adame Greig, on of the ſaid captives, (according to the diſcretioun of the Preſbitrie of Kirkealdie), to be delyverit to the ſaid David Balfour.

Act for Civill Magiſtratis.—The Aſſemblic recommendis to the ſeverall Preſbitries to have a civill magiſtrat in ilk parochin to put thair actis to execution.

Elſpeth Seath ſuſpect of Witchcraft.—The Preſbitrie of Cuper are ordained to uſe all meanis to try Elſpeth Seath, ſuſpect of witchcraft.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFTE HAUDDIN AT ST. ANDROIS,
THE SECOND DAY OF APRILE, 1650.

[Mr. Fredrick Carmichael chosen Moderator.]

Baith provydit.—The Presbitrie of Dunfermline declairis, that the kirk of Baith is provydit of ane stipend.

It being also regairtitt to the Synode that drinkeris and fucareris, obstinat perfonis transgressouris in refusing to work on Yule day, wer not dewlie censurit, the Assemblie appoints thair reverend brethren Mrs. Colin Adame, Johnne McGill younger, Alexander Moncreiff, Kenneth Logie, ministeris; the Laird of Moncreiff, rewling elder, and the correspondent of Perth,¹ to represent thair ovirtures concerning these particulars to the next Session.

Lady Abirerombies chyld.—Thair being a reference from the Presbitrie of St. Andros concerning the baptizing the Lady Abirerombies chyld, the Provincieall grantis the chyld fall be baptized, supposing that my Lord Abirerombie adhearis to his former letter writtin to the last Synode, yet so that they doe not heirby cleir hir of that scandall.

Elspeth Seath.—The Assemblie ordains the Presbitrie of Couper in thair severall pulpits, to de fyre all that hes any dilationis to give in against Elspeth Seath, suspect of witchcraft, to declair the same.

Auent the discoverie and censure of intemperat drinking and swearing.—

1. That everie parochie be divydit in severall quarteris, and each elder his owne quarter, over which he is to have speeciall inspecciou, and that everie elder visit his quarter once everie month at least, according to the act of the Generall Assemblie 1649, and in thair visitatioun tak notice of all disorderlie walkeris, especiallie neglectouris of Gods worship in thair families, fucareris, haunteris of aill houses, especiallie at vnseasonable tymes, and long sitters thair, and drinkeris of healthis; and that he dilate these to the Session.

2. That the Act of the Provincieall Assemblie concerning drunkennes, swearing etc., be revived, and againe publickly read in churches, togidder with the late Act of Parliament against drunkennes.

¹ Mr. William Bell, minister at Dron.

3. That everie Sefſſion day the miniſter enquire ſeriouſlie at the elderis if they, or any of them, have taken notice of anie guiltie of fucaring, drunkennes, vnreaſonable haunting of aill houſes, and long fitting thair. He is alſo to be frequent in mynding the elderis of thair dewtie, and the accompt they are to mak to God in thair diſcharge of it.

4. That everie Sefſſioun buik bear the miniſteris diligence in inquiring concerning theſe things at every Sefſſioun: and that this, and the wholl ordour of the Sefſioun may be better knowne, everie Sefſſioun is to fend in thair regiſter to the Preſbitrie twentie dayis befor every Synodall Affemblic, and the Preſbitrie to examine the buiks.

5. That ſelleris of aill to theſe quho are drunk, or vnreaſonable and exceſſive in drinking, fall fall vnder the ſame cenſure with the drinkeris.

6. That miniſteris and Sefſſionis uſe diligence in dealling with gentlemen and heretouris for erecting the civill Judicatorie appointed by A&t of Parliament in everie parioche, and that the executionn of the A&t of Parliament at Perth . . . be vrged; which diligence everie Sefſioun buik is to bear, and Preſbitries to anſuer and give accompt to the nixt Synode for all the diligence of all paroches in thair boundis in this matter.

Anent promiſcuous dancing.—1. That the A&t of Affemblic be publiſhlie read in all churches quhair yet it is not read.

That the elderis of the quarter quhair the brydale is, tak notice of perſonis tranſgreſſing the ſaid a&t, and dilate them to the Sefſioun; and the Sefſioun are to call ſuch perſonis befor them, and rebuik them for the firſt, and gif they be fund againe, to advyſe with the Preſbitrie anent the cenſure, as it is referrit to them by the Generall Affemblic.

Report.—Ane ſupplicatioun being given in be the huſbands and children of ſome women dilatit for witchcraft within the toun of Dyſert, the Synode appointis Mrs. Johne Duncan, James Sibbald, Walter Bruce, Colin Adame, and George Nairne, to conſider of it, and report thair judgement to the nixt Sefſioun.

Tryall of Expectants.—The Affemblic conſidering that many Expectants comes to noblemen and gentlemens houſes within this province, and uſes familie worſhip thair, without acquainting the Preſbitries thairwith;

thairfoir dois appoint, according to former actis, that everie Presbitrie tak notice of everie intrant in that kynd, and try thair qualificatioun, and also to look exa&lie to thair cariage in the places they come to.

3 Aprilis, Scfs. 4, post meridiem.

Anent the erecting of a Presbitrie in Kinross.—A supplicatioun being geven in be the Lordis of Burghlie, Balvaird, the Lairdis of Adie, Arnot, Kirknes, and fundrie vther considerable perfonis, continit in the supplicatioun, anent the erecting of a Presbitrie in Kinross, the Affemblie appointtis a comittee to perambulat the boundis, and to report the neecessitie thairof to the next ensuing Generall Affemblie.

Anent recommendationis.—The Affemblie, regraitting that they are ovir burdenit with recommendationis for charitie to distrest perfonis be the Generall Affemblie, desyris that the Generall Affemblie wold be more spairing thairin in tyme coming.

Anent perfonis suspect of witchcraft.—The Committee appointtit for giving thair judgement anent these that wer dilatit for witchcraft in Dyfert, advyfes the Presbitrie of Kirkcaldie to deall with the Counfell of Dyfert for obtaining a commissioun to put the supplicantis to ane assyffe.

Presbitrie of Dunfermline approuen.—The Presbitrie of Dunfermline, being removit for censure, are approuen. And becaus some informatioun was given to the Synode anent some superstitious rites vfit in the buriall of the late Laird of Fordell, the Presbitrie of Dunfermline are ordinit to inquire thairanent. As also, desyris them to have a cair of the provisioun of the kirks of Sawling and Cleishe.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT COUPER THE
15 SEPTEMBER, 1650.¹

[Mr. James Wood chosen Moderator.]

At Couper, 15 October, 1650. Scfs. 3, post meridiem.

Letter to his Majestie.—The Affemblie ordains thair reverend brethren,

¹ The Assemblie was adjourned to the 15th October, and thence to the 5th November.

Mrs. Andro Honyman, Hary Rymour, Williame Olyphant, Walter Greig, George Ogilvie, Andro Bennett, David Forrett, ministers, Sir James Melvil, and Mr. Robert Honeyman, rewling elders, to meit with the Moderatour for drawing of ane Letter to his Majestie, anent his late escape to the Malignants.

October 16.—The Letter writtin to his Majestie read publiêlie, and approvin ; and ordains ther reverend brethren Mrs. Andro Bennet, and Patrik Skougall, and Sir James Melvill, rewling elder, to present the fame the morne, being the 17 Oêtober. And selyke, to speak with the Erle of Weyms anent his falt pans, gif they can meit with him at Perth.

November 6.—Mr. Patrik Scougall reportit, that he and Mr. Lawrence Oliphant delyverit the Letter to his Majestie, quhilk wes verie gracieoullie acceptit of be his Hienes, with great thanks to the Assemblie ; and a earnest desyre to pray for him nevir to fall in the lyke escape in joyning to the Malignants.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, MET AT DUNFERMLINE THE
FIRST OF APRYLE 1651.¹

[Mr. Johne Duncane chosen Moderatour.]

Change of mercats.—The Moderatour of Couper reports, that Auchtermuehtie and Falkland hes changit thair mereattis.

Hospitall of St. Leonards.—Ane supplicatioun being presentit be James Eßpline, eleemosinar of the hospitall of Sainct Leonards, situat befÿde the burgh of Dunfermline, for himself, and in name of the widowes thairof, desÿring the charitie of the severall Presbitreis for reedifeing of the said hospitall ; the Assemblie recomends him to the charitie of the severall Presbitreis.

Conference with scrupling brethren.—The Assemblie recomends to the severall Presbitreis to deall in conference with thair scrupling and dissenting brethren in all meiknes.

¹ This Assemblie was adjourned to meet at Kirkaldy on the 7 May.

AT KIRKALDIE, 7 MAY 1651.

Anent the conference that wes recomendit at the laft Seffionn of the Synode, to be had with thair brethren anent thair difsenting from publi& resolutions, the severall Presbitreis being callit vpon, did mak report as followes: Kirkaldie reports they mett, bot had done nothing as yitt. Dunfermline reports they mett and conferrit, but the conference wes not clofit. Sain&tandrois reports they had onlie on brother that difsentit; and the conference wes appoyntit, bot, the brother being feik, it held not. Couper reports they had onlie one brother that difsentit, and that they had not mett.

Overtures.—The Comittee appoyntit to confider of Overtures how Presbitreis fall carry themselfis towards breethren that goes not along with the publi& courfe of the Kirk, gave in the report of thair diligence, quhilk wes publi&lie read, and condiscendit to. The Overtures followes:

1. The Synode warnes the brethren, as regairding the authoritie of the Synode to defyre thair help for clearing thair iudgment before they declare or resolve peremptourlie, to informe thair people vtherwayes then according to the publi& refolutionn of the fupreme judicatories of the Kirk.

2. That the severall Presbitreis doe with diligence goe about the conference with ferupling brethren, whither thair feruples be concerning the publi& refolutionn of the Kirk, or thair papers be, for profequuting the famyne; and that brethren be dealt with all meiknes of wifdom, with dew advyfdnes and deliberatioun.

3. That the severall Presbitreis, efter conference, tak fome effectuall courfis for caufing to be read in all the congregatiouns the publi& papers enjoynt by the commiffionn of the Generall Affemblic.

4. That brethren be exhorted, in the name of the Lord, to forbear hencefurth, in thair doctrine to the people, to preach contrair to the resolutions of the publi& judicareis, and thair conclufions for defence of the land; and gif any fall contravein, that they be admonifhit be the Presbitreis; and gif efter admonitioun they continow, that they be referrit by the Presbitreis to the Generall Affemblic.

5. That the severall Presbitreis tak notice of any brethren quho ather have, or shall, vnder pretence of speaking for publi& resolutionn, reflect vpon any of the former proceedings and principles of this Kirk in relation to the work of reformation: or shall vse any speeches, which are apt to be mistaken and abused by profane ones against trew godlines and godlie persones, which doe favour of malignancie.

6. That according to the acts of the Generall Assemblée, Presbitreis tak speeciall notice of all expectants, gentlemens chaplaines, or these quhom they employ in going before thair familie in the worship of God, and of all pedagogues in thair bounds, trying both thair abilitie and thair integritie, [and to] censure such of them who false fund detractors of the publi& proceedings of the Church.

7. That Sessions and Presbitreis try thair severall elderships, and efter paines taken to informe thair elders anent publi& resolutions, admonish and rebuik any quho false fund venting dissasectionis, practising to the hinderance of the publi& coursis for defence of the land.

Mr. David Dalgleische.—The Synode recomends to the Presbitrie of Couper the tryall of these words, vsit be Mr. David Dalgleische in publi&, viz. 'Blissing of God for defeating the West-cuntries armie;' Item, 'Men can fight with men, bot quha can fight with triking harlots?'

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FYFFE, HAULDINE AT SAINTANDROIS
THE 8 OF APRYLE 1652.¹

[Mr. James Wood chosen Moderator.]

The Synode does appoynt the ministers of St. Androis, and Mrs. of Divinitie, with Mrs. David Forrett, Walter Comrie, and Patrik Skougall, ministers, to draw up a short and plaine explicationn of these particuler heads of divinitie, presentit to the Synode in the forenoon, containing the principall arguments for the treuth, and answers to the principall objections of the adversaries against the samyne.

Letter from Mr. Robert Douglas.—The coppie of ane letter from Mr.

¹ No meeting of the Synod appears to have been held in Autumn 1651.

Robert Douglas and Mr. Andro Kerr, daitit Tour of London, 6 Apryle 1652, anent Trochrigs works, remittit to the confideratioun of a committee.

Examination of the Presbitrie Buiks continewit.—The Provinciall Assemblie being sensible of the great necessitie that all means lawfull be vsit for healling the divisions that ar in this Kirk, and thairvpon, being maist willing to doe any thing, faving the preservation of the government of the Kirk, quhich any way in appearence seem to be ane obstruccion of vnion, resolves to forbear at this tym the examinatioun of the Presbitrie buiks, until the next meiting of the Synode; with all declaring, that they doe approve and adhere to the constitution of the late Generall Assemblie, begun at St. Androis and continewit at Dundie, as a lawfull constitute Assemblie of this Kirk.

Dissenters.—Mrs. Samuell [Rutherford,] Alexander Moncreiff, George Nairne, and William Olyphant, dissents heirfra, and desyrs thair dissent to be markit. Mr. John McGill, younger, dissents vpon the grund quhairin he dissentit fra the Act of the Generall Assemblie, daitit at Couper the day of

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE THE
28 SEPTEMBER 1652.

[Mr. David Forret, Moderator.]

Supplication Peeter Kennidy.—The Synod having receavit ane supplicatioun from Peeter Kennidy, ane blind schooler in Dunfermling, desyring thair chiritie for his intertainment and learning at one of the Colledges of Sain&andros; the Synode hes condiscendit to give to him ffourtie shillings out of everie kirk of the province overhead; and appoynts thair reverend brethren following, to receive the said collectioun, viz. for Dunfermline Presbitrie, the ministers thair of; ffor St. Androis, Mr. Andro Honyman; ffor Couper, Mr. George Thomfone; and ffor Kirkaldie, Mr. Kenneth Logie.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE
THE . . . DAY OF APRYLE, 1655.¹

[Mr. James Wood, Moderator.]

July 5. Sess. 4.

Caus'es of a f'olemn humilatioun and fast to be kept the 22 of July in all the congregatiouns of the province of Fyffe.

1. The great and generall contempt of the grace of the gospell; the converdatioun of many of the professors not being as becometh the gospell.

2. The sad afflictioun of the reformat Churches abroad, and the great danger of the trew religioun establisht among us.

3. The increas of poperie in severall pairts of the land, and the coming in of seducers to draw away vnstable foules from the treuth of the gospell.

4. The many abominable finnes, as contempt and mocking of pietie, gros vncleannes, intemperance, breach of Sabbath, swearing, iniustice, murmuring against God, abounding, quhill wee are vnder the Lords afflict-ing hand.

5. The iudgment-lyke vnseasonableness of the year.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT SAINTANDROIS
26 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1655.

[Mr. Andro Honyman, Moderator.]

Promiscuous dancing.—The double of the Synods act anent promiscuous dancing, to be sent to the severall Presbitries, and recommends to the Presbitries to see it put in executioun.

Anent marriage of women quhois men hes been amissing.—The Presbitrie of Couper having sought advyce, Quhat they shuld doe in the cais of thes women quhois husbands hes been amissing since Dunbar or Worster, de-

¹ This meeting was adjourned till July 3, to meet at Cupar. The previous minutes of meetings from 1652 contain nothing of general interest.

fyring to be mariet with other men? The Synode thinks, that minifters fould not proceed to marie women in that cais without produ&tion of cleare evidences of thair hufbands death, or the fentence of the civile judge competent in fuch caiffis.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE THE
LAST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1656.

[Mr. Robert Bennet, Moderatour.]

[Mr. Johne Edmeftoun, minifter at Kilmadock, correspondent from Perthshire.]

Supplication Kingorne.—Thair being prefentit to the Synode, and reference from the Prefbitrie of Kirkaldie, togidder with ane fupplication from the Toun counfele and Kirk felfion of Kingorne, anent the great prejudice the faid Toun hed fuffenit by the late ftorme in demolifching the harbours, both in thair Toun and Petticur, and lykwyis in breaking in vpon thair kirk-zaird dyks, to the hazarding of the los and vndermyning of thair Kirk: the Synode finding the famyne to be trenth, and taking it to thair ferious confideratioun, vpon verie good ground, did vnanimoufflie recommend to the feverall Prefbitries within the province of Fyffe, to contribute for the fame.

Anent thefe that are fallen to Anabaptifme.—Quhairas, thair wes ane reference from the Prefbitrie of Conper to the Synode for advyce, Quhat cours fould be taken with fuch as are fallen away to Anabaptifme? the Synode advyfes Mr. Johne Makgill younger, in quhos congregatioun they are, to proceed with them according to the ordour of the Church in fuch caiffis.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE METT AT SAINTANDRO,
7 APRYLE 1657.

The Roll of the Minifters and Rewling Elders are cittit according to the ordour, quhos names followes:

THE PRESBITRIE OF ST. ANDRO.

Saintandro.	<div> <div> Mr. Robert Blair. Mr. Samuel Rutherford. Mr. James Wood. Mr. Andro Honyman. Doctor Colvill. </div> </div>	Andro Carstairs.
St. Leonards.	Mr. Walter Comrie.	Rector of the Univerſitie.
Camroun.	Mr. Alexander Wilſoun.	David Balfoure, ab.
Dyninnow.	Mr. Alex. Wduart [Ed-ward.]	Martine Corſtorphine, ab.
Kingſbarnes.	Mr. James Bruce.	Johne Brig, ab.
Kilrimy.	Mr. Robert Bennett.	James Broun.
Craill.	Mr. James Sharp.	
Anſruther-Eiſter.	Mr. Colin Adame.	Johne Lyndſay.
Anſruther-Weſt.	Mr. David Guthrie.	Johne Livingſton.
Pittenweime.	Mr. George Hamilton.	George Smyth.
Abercrombie.	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	
Carnbie.	Mr. Hary Rymour.	Johne Hendirſone.
Kileonquhair.	Mr. David Forrett.	Kincraig.
Ellie.	Mr. Robert Weyms.	William Peirſoun.
Newburne.		
Largo.	Mr. James M-Gill.	George Mowtray.
Kembok.	Mr. Johne Wardlaw.	Laird of Brathanes.
Forgoun.	Mr. Alex. Wedderburne.	Johne Wilſone.
Ferriportnaeraig.	Mr. William Vilant.	Hary Paterſone.
Leuchars.	Mr. Patrik Skougall.	Johne Meldrum.

THE PRESBITRIE OF COUPER.

Couper.	Mr. John M-Gill younger.	
Dairſie.	Mr. David Raitt, ab. feik.	
Syrus.	Mr. William Row.	William Melvill.

Cults.	Mr. George Difchingtoun.	William Daw.
Ketles.	Mr. John Ramfay.	Ramorny.
Falkland.	Mr. Willian Livingftoun.	Johne Bell.
Stramiglo.	Mr. John Rig.	Corftoun.
Auchtermuchtie.	Mr. James Martine.	David Arnott.
Culeffie.	Mr. Johne Litljohne.	
Monymaill.	Mr. David Orme.	Rankellour.
Abdie.	Mr. Alexander Balfoure.	Woodmilne.
Newburgh.	Mr. Laurence Olyphant.	George Orme.
Flikk.	Mr. Johanne M'Gill elder.	
Dunboig.		
Creigh.	Mr. Johne Alexander.	George Stirk.
Balmerino.	Mr. Walter Greig.	
Kilmanic.	Mr. George Thomfoun.	William Myles.
Logie.	Mr. Harie Piteairne.	William Bell.
Munfie.	Mr. James Wedderburne.	James Hedrig.

THE PRESBITRIE OF KIRKALDIE.

Kirkaldie Toun.	{ Mr. James Symfone. Mr. Kenneth Logie.	} David Fergusone.
Landwart thairof.	Mr. Pat. Weyms, ab. feik.	
Auchtirderay.	Mr. Johne Chalmers.	George Brig.
Kingorne.	Mr. Joshua Meldrum.	Robert Cuninghame.
Bruntiland.	Mr. George Nairne.	
Auchtirtule.	Mr. Andro Walker.	David Betfoun.
Kinglaffie.	Mr. Thomas Melvill.	Cafkeberrian.
Ballingrie.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	James Scrymgour.
Portmoig.	Mr. George Ogilvie.	Robert Ogilvie.
Leffie.	Mr. Thomas Blak.	Thomas Robertfone.
Markinch.	Mr. Fredrik Carmichall.	
Kennowie.	Mr. Robert Merffer.	
Skuny.	Mr. Alexander Moncreiff.	
Weyms.	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	Walter Nairne.

Dyfart.	{ Mr. James Wilfone.
	{ Mr. Robert Honyman.

THE PRESBITRIE OF DUNFERMLINE.

Dunfermline.	{ Mr. Robert Kay.	William Walker.
	{ Mr. William Olyphant.	
Baith.	Mr. Hary Smyth.	John M ^c Kc.
Aberdour.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	
Dalgatie.	Mr. Andro Donaldfone.	Robert Anderfone.
Innerkething.	Mr. Walter Bruce.	Robert Cant.
Torricburne.	Mr. James Sibbald.	
Culrofs.	{ Mr. Robert Edmestoun.	William Bruce.
	{ Mr. Mathew Flemyng.	
Carnok.	Mr. George Belfrage.	
Sawline.	Mr. James Olyphant.	
Cleifche.	Mr. James Halkfoun.	John Symfone.
Kinrofs.	Mr. George Colden.	John Steidman.
Wruell.	Mr. Johne Gray.	

[Mr. James Wood chosen Moderator.]

[Mr. James Grahme, minister at Glendovan, correspondent for Perthshire, and Mr. Johne Raitt, minister, for Angus and Mearns.]

Petitioun for St. Androis.—A petitioun presentit by the Magistratis of Saintandrois in name of the whole inhabitantis of the cittie, desyryng a recomendatioun for a charitable affistance from the kirks of this province, towards the repairing of thair harbour and stone bridge, ruined by the storme in winter 1655.

Pittenweyme.—Ane vther petitioun from the toun of Pittenweyme, desyryng a recomendatioun for the lyke charitable affistance towards the reparatioun of thair harbour, ruined by the said storme.

Ferrie Portnacraig.—Ane vther petitioun from the toun of Ferrie Portnacraig, ffor charitable affistance for helping them to the raising vp of some

ffence to preserve thair toun from the invndatioun of the sea, by which ane great pairt of the said toun is in hazard to be waschin away.

Auent Anabaptists.—The Presbitrie of Couper having representit to the Synod, that some Anabaptists in the parochie of Couper, sumtymes memberis of the said parochie, being oftymes callit, according to the ordour of the former Provinciaill, to appear before the said Presbitrie, at last appearit: bot still deteining and avowing thair erroars: And that heirvpon some brethren wer appoyntit by the Presbitrie to confer with them, quho several tymes did confer with them, till, at last, they refused conference altogether. And the Presbitrie, requiring advyce fra the Synode, quhat further could be done in ordour to reclaim the saidis persones, the Synode, alsò finding, vpon enquiry maid to the brethren of the said Presbitrie, that these persones vses diligence to seduce vtheris into the same errour, thinks fitt and recomends to the Presbitrie of Couper, that they shall yit call the persones forsaidis to further conference; and they refusing, to proceed against them to the highest ecclesiastick censure, according to the ordour and steps of procedour vsuall in this Church.

Presbitrie of Couper removit for censure.—The Presbitrie of Couper being removit for censure, and callit in againe, it wes recomendit to them, first, that they should have a care of thair Register.¹

Maters recommendit to them.—Secondlie, that they will endeavour by all meanes ane peaciable cariage of thair affairs, and to shun by all means entering of protestatiouns about maters of smaller importance, quhairin thair is difference of judgement amongst them. And that, for interteinment of kyndlinetis amongst them, they will tak thair refreshment togidder the day of thair Presbiteriall meiting efter the dissolving thair of. Thridlie, that in regard it is reportit to the Synode, that thair brother Mr. David Orme is somequhat distraetit in his calling, by labouring of land without his parochie, that they will mak enquiry gif thair be any such thing, and report thair diligence to the next Synode. In cæteris, approvin.

¹ It was found that the Register of Cupar “is writtin with verie small writt, that it is hardlie legible, with base ink for the most pairt, and without a competent margine, and in verie many places interlyned; quhilk last cannot but render a register suspect, and weaken the faith of it.”

ST. ANDROIS, NOVEMBER 18, 1662.

According to the appointment of the Lord Archbishop and Synod, the Committee appointed to receive and visit the Presbitrie and Synodal Buiks within the Dioecy, mett, viz. the Archdean, who moderated in the meeting, Dr. Colvill, Dr. Comrie, Mrs. Alexander Balfour, Silvester Lamie, Robert Ednard, George Ogilvie, Alexander Eduard. A letter of excuse from Mr. John Barclay, another from Mr. George Pittilok.

Books presented.—Presbitrie book of Dunfermline, 2 vol. from 15 . . to 1661; Presbitrie of Merness, in 2 vol. from 1624 to 1661; Synodal Book of Angus and Merness, 1 vol. fra 1639 to 165 .; Presbitrie of Dundee, 2 vol. fra 1597 to 1660; Presbitrie of Arbroth, 3 vol. from 1639 to 1661; Presbitrie of Forfar, 1 vol. from 1650 to 1660; Presbitrie of Kirkealdy, 1 vol. from 1630 to 1653; Presbitrie of Cupar, 1 vol. fra 1646 to 1660; Synodal book of Fyff, 2 vol. fra 1639 to 1660; Presbitrie of Perth, 2 vol. the 1 fra 1618 to 1647, the next fra 1647 to 1661.

Ther was a letter from the Bishop of Dunkell presented to the Committee, shewing, that he had spoken with the Archbishop anent the Presbitrie book of Megil. The Committee, advysing what was fittest to be done in that which was committed to them, thought fitt, feing ther wer severall books not yet sent in, to adjourn ther meeting.

ST. ANDROIS, 27 OCTOBER 1663.

Against the profanation of the Sabbath.—The Archbishop and Synod, hearing of the gryt profanation of the Sabbath, by peoples travelling on the Lords day, doe appoint each minister in his severall charge, to look more narrowlie to this, and especially, that ministers in burghs deal with the magistrats for restraining that sin.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 APRIL 1664.

Mr. H. Rymor and G. Baverich deposed.—Mr. Hary Rymor at Carnbie, and Mr. George Baverich at Carnok, having been at the last Synod suf-

pendit from their miniftry, according to the law, and no application being made by them to the Lord Archbifhop or Synod, the Lord Archbifhop and Synod, finding the law clear, as alfo their contravention to the fame, do depofe them from the function of the holy miniftry ; and the intimation of this fentence is to be made to them as the Lord Archbifhop fees opportunity.

Ancient the maintenance of Vniuerfities.—The Lord Archbifhop did communicate to the brethren of the Synod his Majefties letter to the Bifhops, anent the additional provifion to the maintenance of Vniuerfities, allowit to them by the a&t of the late Parliament ; wherein his Majefty ferioufflie recommends to the Bifhops that they may labour in their feveral Synods that the forefaid a&t may be made effectual for fuch a pious end. In order wherunto it is appointed, that the Moderators of the feveral Exercifes fend in to the Lord Archbifhop, between this and the 1ft of Auguft, the valuation of the feveral ftipends and vicarrages, fubferyvit be the minifters of the feveral parioches ; and it is thought moft equitable that the chaldier of victuall, enduring thefe years mentioned in the a&t, be valued at ane hundreth marks.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 OCTOBER, 1664.

Maintenance for Minifter of Arngofk.—The Bifhop¹ and Synod being informed of the mean provifion of Mr. George Monereiff, minifter at Arngofk, that it is but 350 merks, and knowing the difficultie how he may be helpit, doe recommend his cafe to the Lords of the Commiffion for plantation of kirks for augmentation.

Bridge of Dey.—The Bifhop and Synod leaves the collection for the bridge of Dey to the Lord Archbifhop at his return.

ST. ANDROIS, OCTOBER 5, 1665.

Robert Small.—The Lord Archbifhop and Synod, taking to their confideration that reference concerning Robert Small, and finding that the

¹ Andrew, Bishop of Orkney, presided at this meeting in absence of the Archbishop.

brethren of Megil had done nothing in it, appoint that the brethren of Dunfermlin, and whosoever els have anie evidence of divination or unlawful meanes of healing diseases, and finding that which is losed or stollen, used be that man, that they fend them to the brethren of Megil between this and the next Synod: as also, that the people who seek to him in these unlawful wayes, be challengit be their ministers, and censured accordinglye.

Anent schole maisters pedagogues, etc.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod appoint, that the Presbitries put in execution that former act relating to schole maisters, chaplaines, and pedagogues, that none be admittit to officiat within their bounds bot these who are warrantit be my Lord Archbishops license.

Harbour of Kilburn.—The supplication of David Boil of Kilburn, for charitable contribution for the reparation of the harbour of Kilburn, is delayit to the next Synod.

ST. ANDROIS, APRIL 25, 1666.

Robert Small.—As concerning that reference relating to Robert Small, the brethren appointed to conferr with him, viz. Mrs. Walter Bruce, Robert Honiman, John Auchinlek, and David Patoun, reported that by his own confession, they find him guiltie of drunkennes, of prevarication, and of pretending skill in divining wher stollen goods are to be found, although reallie he hath none, and of abusing of the name of God in his papirs given out for finding of these stollen goods; and finds him sensible of his sin, and forrie for it, promising, throw God's grace, never to do the like againe. The Lord Archbishop and Synod appoint, that he appear before some congregation within the Presbitry of Megil, confes his sin, and profess his repentance for it, and engadge himself to doe no more so: and this be intimate to all the congregations within the Presbitry: which the said Robert acquiesced vnto, and promised to do, whenever he should be appointed be the Presbitry of Megil.

Anent John Auchterlonie, adulterer.—As for that woman wha lay in adultery with John Auchterlonie, and was deprehendit in the bed with him, the woman being in firmance in Arbroth, the brethren are appointed to

goe on agains her with the hieft censures of the Kirk ; and the man being in the hand of the Magistrates of Dundee, the brethren of that Presbitry are to speak the magistrates, that he be lookt vnto as one guiltie of such a fin ought to be.

If ther be anie persone inclining to Poperie or Quakerism they ar to be delated to the Lord Archbishop, that a course may be taken with them.

Moderators are to take notice of the vniformity of ministers in their practise of causing the Creed to be recited at baptisimes, and of singing of the Doxologie, and of making use of the Lords Prayer in publik.

ST. ANDROIS, OCTOBER 3, 1666.

John Auchterlony, adulterer.—The brethren of Arbroth declared, that the woman with whom John Auchterlonie fell in adultery, was sent away to Barbadoes.

ST. ANDROIS, 1 OCTOBER, 1667.

The register of minijsters stipends, etc.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod appoint, that the rights of minijsters stipends, the condition of ther manes, free or affected with burden ; also, that all mortifications (within the respective parishes) whither to kirks, schools, or hospitals, and the provision of the burfars of Theologie, be registrat in a particular book within each Presbitrie ; which book is to be brought to the next Synod be the severall Moderators. Also they appoint that the burfars of Theologie stay at least six months in the New Colledge every year, and that minijsters be careful to pay them in due tyme ; which payment is to be noted in the Presbitry book.

The Minister of Fetteresso is appointed to go on with the censures of the Kirk agains the Quakers within his parioch, and that he cite them ; and if they be not reclaimed, that he proceed to the highest censures of the Kirk in due manner.

Communion.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod appoint that the Communion be given in each church at least once in the year, at a con-

venient time about the end of March, or in April: and this is to be markit in the Presbitry book.

ST. ANDROIS, 1 APRIL 1668.

Deposition of Mr. George Diphington.—The Lord Archbithop declaired, that he had sent the fentence of depofition to Mr. George Diphington, according to the act of the former Synod.

Deposition of Mr. Robert Edmijoun.—The Lord Archbithop declaired, that he had kept a vifitation at Dunfermling, and that he had, upon good grounds, depofed Mr. Robert Edmiftoun, minifter at Culros. As for Mafter Mathew Fleeming, his colleige, the Archbithop delayit to proceed agains him, feing ther wer fome hopes of gaining him; and for that end Mrs. Walter Bruce, William Peirfon, John Shaw, ar appointed to tell him that he is noticed that he hes not ioyned with his brethren of the Presbitry.

ST. ANDREWS, 21 APRIL 1669.

Quakers in Mernes.—The Lord Archbithop and Synod being informit that in the Merns, in the parift of Fettereffo, ar kept feveral conventicles, and that fome of thes perfons interrupt fome minifters in the time of publik worlhip, and that they fpeak reproachfullie of minifters, the paffors ther ar advifed to be diligent in watching over ther flocks, and guarding them agains thes errors, and wait till a courfe be taken be the magiftrat with thefe diforderly perfons.

Supplication of the burgh of Kirkcaldie.—The Lord Archbithop and Synod taking to ther confideration the fupplication of the magiftrats and toun counfell of the burgh of Kirkealdie, for a collektion to the building of a new harbour of the faid burgh, which work was interrupted throw the troubles of the time; they grant the faid fupplication, provyding the petitioners find fecurity that what money is collected for that end, and deliverit to them, fall be expendit on the faid work; and appoint that all the minifters within the diocefs collect for the faid harbour asfoon as conveniently they may.

That ministers preach twife each Sabbath.—The Moderators are to enquire of all ministers within ther bounds, if they preach twife everie Sabbath. and if they ordinarie keep home.

ST. ANDROIS, 6 OCTOBER 1669.

Collection for Cupar.—The Lord Archbifhop and Synod having a fupplication befor them from the toun of Cupar, prefented befor them, wherin they fupplicat, that a charitable contribution may be granted vnto them, throughout all the parifh churches of the diocefs, in regard that upon the . . . day of April laft, a fire brake out accidentallie in the faid toun. about one after midnight, and deftroiyt about 20 confiderable families, quyte ruined ther whole houfes, and brought the faids perfons to great ftraits ; therfor, the faids petitioners having obtained an act of his Majefties Secret Councel, for a voluntar contribution to the fupplie of the faids perfons, throughout all the touns and parifhes of the fhires of Fife, the three Lowthians, Meree, Perth, and Angus, the Lord Archbifhop and Synod, confidering the premiffes, appoint that a charitable contribution be collected throughout all the parifh churches within the diocefs of St. Androis, and that betwene this and Candlemes nixt that colle&tion be gone about and endit : Provyding alway, that the magiftrats of Cupar appoint faithful and honeft men to receive the fame from the feverall Moderators of the Prefbitries, and to fee that the fame be faithfullie diftribut to the perfons damnified be that fire, at the fight of the Magiftrats and Minifters, as they will be anfwerable to the Lords of his Majefties Secret Councel.

Contribution for toun of Kilmarnock.—The Lord Archbifhop and Synod having a fupplication prefented befor them from the inhabitants of the toun of Kilmarnock, that wheras upon the 22 May 1668, the whole toun was burnt into afhes by a violent fire that broke out accidentallie, and about 120 families wer caft out of all habitation, and brought to povertie and beggarie : wherypon the petitioners, having prefented ther deplorable condition to the Lords of his Majefties Privie Councel. had an act of the faids Lords in ther favours, recommending them to the Archbifhop and Bifhops for a charitable contribution toward ther releif. The Lord Arch-

bithop and Synod, taking the petition to ther consideration, do appoint all minifters within this dioces to go about the faid collection immediately after they have collected for Cupar.

ST. ANDROIS, 13 APRIL 1670.

Collection for the Incorporation of the Seates at London.—The Lord Archbithop repreſented to the Synod, that the Commiſſioner his grace, fitting in Parliament, ſhowit the expediencie of a charitable collection to be gathered throughout this whol kingdome, in favours of the Incorporation erected in London, for releif of Scotſmen ther brought low and impoveriſhed. The Archbithop and Synod iudge this moſt reaſonable, and think that it ſhould be collected be minifters in burghs at peoples houſes, and that minifters in landward ſould go to gentle mens houſes and get ther collection, and that it be written down in a book what each perſon gives.

Collection for Dundee.—[Auent] the act of Parliament in favours of the burgh of Dundee, for a voluntar contribution to the repairing of ther harbor, and gryt loſſe of ſhips, throw the gryt ſtorme in October 1668, the Archbithop and Synod reſolve to take this to ther consideration, and to appoint a time for that collection.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 OCTOBER 1670.

Perſons marrying diſorderlie.—The Lord Archbithop and Synod, being informed that ſome perſons go to the Border and marrie ther, contemning the ordir of the Church, judge that they ſould be delated to the civil magiſtrat, that they may be fined according to law; and that they be put to a publik declaration of ther repentance, and be ſuſpendit from the ſacrament for violating of the order of the Church; and that minifters be careful to give in the names of ſuch perſons at the next meeting of the Synod, and what they haue done in ther censure.

ST. ANDROIS, 3 MARCH 1671.

Supplication of Dundee, Kilrynie, St. Minnace.—The ſupplication of

the burghs of Dundee, Kilrynnie, and St. Minnance, for contributions to the repairing of ther harbours, are to be taken into considération in due tyme.

Act agaiñst withdrawing from publik ordinance, speciallie of baptisim.—Among the many sinful distempers which ar so prevalent in these times, there is none more apt and powerful to caus a decay of godlines, and to hinder the growth and advancement therof, then a voluntar and vnnecessar secession from the Communion of the Church, in the publik and visibill service of God, and the violation and disturbance of peace and order; and becaus this so hurtful and pernicious sin is become so powerful in many as to caus them withdraw not only from the publik Assembly, wher God is worshipped in treuth and purity, bot obstinately to withdraw ther children from the benefit of baptisim; wherby, under pretext of scruple and tendernes of conscience, they giue sad evidences of a high contempt of the ordinances of Christ, and of the authoritie and constitution of this Church, by renouncing all communion therwith: Therfor, for the preventing of a sin so destructive to pietie and loue, and for the vindication of the authority of the Church, it is appointed and ordained by the Archbishop and Synod, that all persons who persist in ther wilful separation from the ordinances of Christ, in the publik and allowed Assemblies of this Church, and refuse to bring ther children to be baptised by the orderlie and approven ministers therof, that they be proceedit agaiñst with the hieft censures of Church, if, after all meanes used for ther reclaiming, they continue still stubborn and contumacious.

ST. ANDROIS, 9 OCTOBER 1672.

William Spark.—Anent William Spark quaker, in the parioch of Dunotter, the moderator of Merns declairit, that ther was no hope of gaining him, and that the proces agais him was at a close. Also he shew that Quakerism is not spreading in ther fields. The Lord Archbishop and Synod think that the pronouncing of the sentence agais him is to be delayit.

Laird of Gormock.—Anent the Laird of Gormock younger, the Lord Archbishop and Synod think that his proces is to be continued in the case it is in, seing that the old lady and the rest of this familie keep the Church.

Chaplaines and Scholenafters.—The Lord Archbithop and Synod, being informed that severall chaplaines and scholenafters, disaffected to the government of the Church, doe, by ther lecturing and conventicling, alienat severall persons from that peaceable submiffion to ther pastors, and the attendance on the publik worthip of God, as becometh them; therfor the Lord Archbithop and Synod appoint that the severall Presbitrics take notice of such persons, and that they give in ther names at the next Synod, that none officiat in such stations without licence.

ST. ANDROIS, APRIL 29, 1674.

Representation of the grievances of the Kirk to the Lords of the Secret Council.—The Lord Archbithop and brethren of the privie conference, considering the encrease of the many disorders under which the Church, particularly in this diocess, does sadly labour, did appoint some of ther number to consider the best expedient for the remedy and redress of the same: Therefore, after serious and mature deliberation, did judge that a representation of the evill of these disorders unto the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council, by the mediation of the Lord Archbithop, would be the most proper and effectual mean that yet hath been used for the cure of them: Which Overtures were given in and accepted be the conference to be considered be the Synod, which, being severall times read, were unanimously approven, and ordained to be put in forme, and delivered into the Lord Archbithop his hand. The tenour whereof follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE.

We have always judged it not only our great duty, but also our chief joy and confidence, in all the changes of time, to approve ourselves unto God, in a faithfull discharge of the ministry of his Son, committed unto us; and though the worke and service of the Gospell hath no need of the countenance and favour of men when God is pleased by himself to make it honourable and successfull, yet we have accounted the patrocinie and protection which we enjoy, by the authority and goodness of our gracious Sovereign, to be one of the greatest comforts of our life, and the best security we have amongst men of our Ministry, and of the rights and priviledges of Religion; which blessing as we desire to value and acknowledge according to the great worth and merite of it, so we have endeavoured, in the stations wherein we are placed, to witness and expresse the same in all places, and at all times, when and where we had oppor-

tnitie. In this comportment, under the serenitie and sweetness of his Majesties gracious protection, we have lived to our very great contentment and encouragement in the service of the Gospell ; till of late, some persons of implacable enmity against the order and peace of this Church, (the roughness and rancour of whose spirit does contemne all the lenities that are used for the smoothing and sweetening of it), have presumed to abuse the mercy and indulgence of our Sovereign, unto the acting of als high insolencies against the worship and publick service of God his ministers who serve at his altar, and the discipline he hes instituted for the discountenance and overthrow of vice, and for keeping his Church in purity and peace, as ever have been suffered by any who have lived under the direction of so wholesom and good laws, and the bounty and mercy of so gracious a Prince. If it had been our own and personal concernment which only is violated by these disorders, we are taught, by the laws and example of our blessed Saviour, in humbleness and silent possession of our souls, to endure them ; but seeing it is visible to all, but to those who will not see, that the design of these actings is not so much against our persons and private interests, (whose meanness may be security enough against the envy and pride of any), as against our ministry, and the worke of the Gospell in our hands, against our subjection unto the present government of the Church, and the chief rulers thereof, against our obedience unto the Laws of the kingdom, which condemne the disloyall practises of bygone times, which these who hate us have espoused to themselves as undisputable principles of zeal and affection to God and his truth.

The state of things being thus in the time, we could not be patient of the affronts done to our holy office, and of the invasion made upon our rights, as the lawfull ministeris of this Church, without making our just resentments known to those honourable persons whose office and inclinations (we are confident) does oblige unto a perfect abhorrence of all such irregular abuses, and does make them prompt and ready to hear our just complaints, and do what in their wisdom they judge most necessary and seasonable for the speedy and effectuall removing, or at least for hindring the further spreading of the evils we complain of. And because we cannot approach these noble persons, who are to hear and cognosce upon the truth and importance of these things we are grieved with, by the mediation of one more nearly concerned in us, and more affectionate toward the interest of Religion in this Church than your Lordships self, we have been bold to open our hearts unto your Grace, in an enumeration of some of these enormities which will prove infallible the just reason that we have to complain, on purpose that your Grace may communicate the same to their Lordships. And we do hereby humbly entreat your Grace, according to the eminencie of your place and office in the Church, for the sake of Jesus, whose servants and ministers we are, and in pitie to this poor and distressed Church, that your Lordship would be pleased to present in our name this our complaint unto the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council, that they may move for the redress of these evils which press us so sore, what way their Lordships thinks most proper, and most likly to take effect.

These iniquities and abuses are especially these following :

First, The growth and encrease of Popery by the diligence and boldness of traffiqueing Papists, to the seducing ignorant and unstable people unto idolatry and superstition ; together with the defection of some unto Quakerism.

Secondly, The open and almost avowed contempt that is cast upon the publick and solemn worship of God, by deserting the publick assemblies of the Church established by law for the service of God, not onlie through a simple and negative secession from the communion of this Church, but also by a frequent and open assembling together of multitudes in the fields and private houses, in a direct and stated opposition unto the lawful assemblies of this Church. It is also aggravated by severall disorderly clandestine marriages; likeas by the impudent and wilfull refusall of delinquents to submitt unto the just censures of this Church, for scandalous miscarriages, condemned by the Word of God and laws of this kingdom; by the licentiousness of persons openly profane, which may and are encouraged by this example; by the unheard of intrusion into, and invading the pulpits of the godly and orderly ministers of this Church; and by the barbarous profanation of places dedicate to the service of God.

Thirdly, The open and ordinary profanation of the Lords day by persons, who, pretending necessary dispatch of business, do cause great disturbance in the several parishes through which the common road lyeth, by threatning and forcing hirers of horse, boatmen, and other people, to serve their wordly lusts and designs. As also, by the travelling of multitudes of people on the Lords day to Conventicles at a great distance.

This being the sad posture the state and affairs that this Church, and that part of it wherein we labour, is in, we could no longer forbear from craving the assistance which the law of God does allow us, and benevolence and fatherly care of our gracious Sovereign does invite and command us to call for as often as we stand in need, and do hereby, and by your Graces mediation and earnest intercession, beg that the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council would be pleased to examine the truth of the particulars above mentioned, and proceed accordingly against the course and torrent of these abuses, as they in wisdom judge most convenient, to remove the danger that the Protestant religion is in, of being, as it were, a deludge of error, schism, profanity, and atheism; and to vindicate the authority and honour of our Ministry from the fury and barbarity of those whose actings declare them implacable toward our persons, and irreconciliable unto the peace and order of this Church, that we may be encouraged in our stations, so to behave in all the conduct of our affairs, as it may never repent his Majestie or their Lordships of the favour and protection they have graciously granted unto us, and the afflicted Church whereof we are ministers and members.

ST. ANDREWS, APRIL 14, 1675.

The minister of Monifiuth declared, that if Communion cups, stoups, bafin, and communion cloaths, mortified be the Lady of Grange, be not fecured, he will pursue the Laird of Grange before the civil judge.¹

¹ Jean Auchterlony, Lady of Grange, mortified £100 Scots yearly "for the schole maister, poor scholars, and other poor of the parish of Monifiuth; beside which, the said Lady of Grange did also mortifie and dedicat for the use of the parish, two large siluer cups, two tinne basins, two large tinne stoups, and linnen cloaths for the comely administration of the sacrament of the Lords Supper."

Mr. John Rait, minister at Innerkillar, representing to the Synod the condition of the fabrick of that church, how it wanted a bell, and seats for the peoples accommodation, and that there was no better way for the repairing thereof then to divide the church among the heretors, that every one may have his own proportional place and room to be repaired and maintained according to their severall divisions; and that it was most expedient that the Presbitry of Arbroth should be assistant in the dividing of the foresaid church: Therefore it is appointed, and power given to the Presbitry of Arbroth to meet at the church of Innerkilor upon Mr. John Raits advertisement. at any time betuixt this and the next Synod, and there, with consent of the heretours, to divide the fabrick of the foresaid church amongst them, that the edifice may be repaired, a bell provided, and convenient desks and seats set up for the accommodation of the people.

ST. ANDROIS. 5 APRIL 1676.

Act against Separatists.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod finding that, after al tender and fair means that have been used to prevent and redress the horrid disorders that have entred into this Church, that several persons, in despite of all the patience and forbearance that hath been used towards them, have proceeded to that height of contumacie and contempt of the government and ministrie of this Church, as either not to baptise, or to procure disorderlie baptisme to ther children, and have obtained marriages from persons that are professit enemies to the peace and order of this Church; Therfor, the Lord Archbishop and Synod do appoint the ministers in whose parishes thes persons, who are thus guiltie, are found, to delate them to the Presbitrie, and that the Presbitrie instantly proceed against them in order to the highest censure of the Church. And also, that all thes who are constant or custumarie withdrawers from the publick ordinances or worship of God in ther own parishes, and who, after all fair meanes used for ther reclaiming, continue contumacious to the order and disciplin of this Church, that the Presbitrie proceed against them in order to the highest censures of the Church; and record their diligence heirin in the Presbitrie book, that the visitors may report the same to the

Lord Archbishop and Sinod, that they iudge heirof as they think expedient; and if ane brother obey not this act, his name is to be delated to the Lord Archbishop and Sinod.

Privie censure.—The Lord Archbishop and Sinod taking to their consideration, that the privie censure in Presbitries may be gone about too overlie, therfor they haue appointed, that, on the day of privie censure, these following interrogatories shal be gravelie and feriouly propofed to everie minister. 1. If he be diligent in prayer and reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge thereof, and serve for purifying the heart, and inkindling in the soul a holie zeal and diligence in his employment, and for right ordering of his conversation. 2. If he use all faithful diligence to disentangle himself of everie thing which vnsitt him for the discharge of his ministrie, speciallie from excessiue wordlie cares and distractive employments. 3. If he so order his familie and everie person therein, as much as in him lyes, as that they may be exemplar to such as behold ther conversation. 4. If he mantein and set forward, as much as lyes in him, quyetues, peace, and loue among his brethren and al people, speciallie among them who ar committed to his charge. Each minister being thus interrogat, and removed thereafter, the Moderator shall ask the rest of the Presbitrie, if anie thing be kuowen to anie of them of the brother or brethren removed, which they think fitt to be imparted to the Presbitrie: And heir he is to enquire anent the giving of the Communion. After this the Moderator is, in a few words, to exhort all to faithfulness and diligence in all the parts of ther office, and that they be so faithful and freindlie one to another as to admonish one another when they see caus, and that whan they meet with such freedome they thankfullie and kindly accept of it from one another, and that they lay hold on all occasions to excite one another to zeal, faithfulness, and diligence: This is to be done ferioullie.

ST. ANDREWS, THE 25 OF APRIL 1677.

Act for trying of candidats and intrants to the ministrie.—My Lord Archbishop and Synod, considering the prejudice that may and doth redound

to the Church, by the ignorance and insufficiency of severall young men, that enter upon their tryals in order to their being licentiat to be preachers, and thereupon seeking to obtaine a settlement in the ministry, doe, for the preventing hereof in tyme coming, appoint, that no young man shall be admitted to tryall in any Presbitry of this diocess, unless he produce a certificat from the Professors of Divinity in the respective Universities of the kingdome, of their having studied therein, and given some specimen of their proficiency accordinglye. And further, concerning the same persons, it is ordered by my Lord Archbishop and Synod, that after the finishing of their tryals, before they obtaine the Presbtries testimony thereof, they shall, in the face of the Presbtry, own and acknowledge the established government of the Church, by Archbishops and Bishops, and promise their obedience and submission thereto; which declaration shall be insert in the Presbtry books, and signed by them.

ST. ANDREWS, 21 APRILL 1680.

The Brethreene one the other syde of Tay, being enquired about their procedure with those who had not the benefit of the King's Indulgence, and yet lived disorderlie, gave an account, that there were but few such in their bounds. The Bishop and Synod appoint theme to take notice of anie such amongst theme, and to be readie with informations to the Archbishop whene called; the like was desired of all the rest of the brethreene.

Who haue collected for the mariners of Innerkeithing in Turkish slavery, are ordered to deliver the same.

ST. ANDREWS, 13 OCTOBER 1680.

The Archbishop and Synod being deeplie sensible of the great discouragement the orderlie and orthodox ministers labour under, by reason of the manie vagrant conventicle preachers and others, that in certaine places of this diocess, especiallie in Fife, doe keep weeklie preachings in the houses, to the great disturbance of the peace and unitie of the congregations where they resid, and the next adjacent; therfor its thought fitt that

the Moderators of the severall Presbitries should give into the clerk of the Synod, a list of the names of all such, whither itinerant or settled, that his Grace may make use thereof as he shall find expedient.

ST. ANDREWS, APRILL, 1681.

The Archbithop having received and heard the petitione of Mr. Walter Birnie, a preacher of the Gospell, and considered his necessitous conditione, having a familie, and being obliedged to keep a servant to read to him, he himself wanting the use of his eys from his childhood, and not having anie visible way for his owne or their maintenance, save by the charitable contributions of the ministers of the Gospell: Therfor its ordered, that everie minister within this diocefs shall, out of the poods money or otherwise, as they shall think fitt, allow him fourteene shillings Scots, and deliver the same to the Moderator of the Presbitry to be given to him at everie Synod.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 4, 1683.

The Brethren of the severall Presbyteries, according to the appointment of the last Synod, gave in a list of the phanaticks and papists within ther bounds.

The Archbithop and Synod having heard ane act of his Majesties Councel in favours of Mr. William Geddes, late minister at Urquhart, for printing of two books, the one, Ane Historical Memorial containing the most remarkable occurrences and periods of the histories of Scripture, the Universal Historie of the 4 Monarchies, the Scotish, English, French, and Turkish histories; the other is called, The Saints Recreation. And considering that his Majesties Councell, upon report of a committee, appointed for revising the same, hath judged them worthie to be published, and usefull for the advancement of pietie and learning; and what ane inconsiderable rate they may [be] had for, if money were presentlie advanced for his assistance in printing of them, doe therfor recommend the said Mr. William Geddes his advertisement to the severall Presbyteries

be read the first meeting after the Synod, that curie brother may advance his dollor or fywe shillings, for his encouragement, and subserive the said advertisment.

The Archbishop and Synod, being informed that feveral of the brethren, contrare to the laws and lawdable customes of our Kirk, doe take upon them to gratifie the humors, and comply with the desires of some perones, both to baptise and marie priuatlie, not in the kirk, but in priuat houses, therefore they stricte order, that none within this Diocesse shall presume to marie without warrant from our Ordinarie, or baptise without apparent necessitie, any person or perones of what degree or qualitie soever, in priuat houses. And knowing what may be the dangerous consequence of such irregular practises, doe heerby certifie all the contraveeners of this present appointment, that they will be proceeded against with censures according to ther disobedience.

ST. ANDREWS, APRILE 1684.

Prayer had.—Many of the brethren of the Presbyteries of Fyfe, having represented to the Synod, that notwithstanding a list of disorderlie persons was given up by them, according to the Act of Parliament in October last, yet, in many of their parishes, nothing has been done as to the executione of the law for reducing of these recusants unto the obedience of the Kirk, whereby the Ministers hands are weakened, the recusants hardened in their obstinacie, and others, who, through vigorous executione of the law against them, had externallie, at least, conformed to the order of the Kirk, and yielded obedience to the laws of the kingdome, have turned as disorderlie and loofe as ever. The Synod, considering this grievous complaint of so many from all quarters, do recommend the same to the Archbishop, and appoints that all concerned should, assoon as possible they can, as they tender the peace of the Kirk and successe of their ministrie, give up lists both of the one and of the other, that he may represent the same to his Majesties Council.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 1684.

The Archbishop and Synod recommends serioullie a book lately put

out by Mr. James Kaneries to the severall Presbyteries, that everie brother may have one of them.¹

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 7 AND 8, 1685.

Balbirnie Bridge.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod having seen and considered the order and warrant granted by the Committie of his Majesties Privie Councill, for a voluntar contribution towards the building of a stone bridge upon that part of the water of Leven, called Balbirny bridge, furth of the thyes of Fyfe, Perth, Edenburgh, Angus, Kinross, Lanreck, and Kincarden, did recommend the same to the severall brethren of this diocie concerned in the said thyes, to goe about the collection of the said voluntar contribution so soon as ever the said order shall come to them in print.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 6, 1686.

Slanderers, October 14.—All the Members of the Synod are appointed to be most careful of observing and preaching upon the 14th day of October, the anniversary solemnitie of his sacred Majesties nativitie; and punctualie to obey the act of his Majesties most honourable Privie Council against slanderers and leefing makers, (the printed copies wherof were distributed to all the brethren;) and that in privat, as well as in publik, they forbear all manner of reflections, or any other expressions which may give any shadow of offence to authority, as they'll be answerable.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 5, 1687.

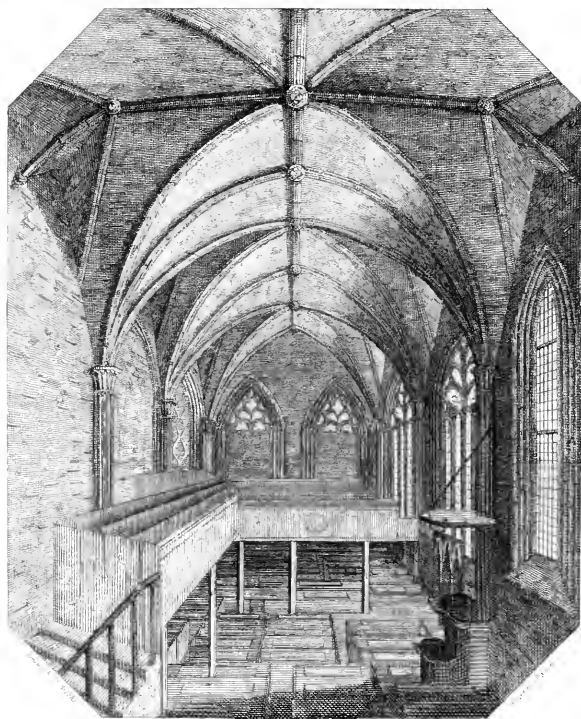
The Synod did appoint the former acts anent the voluntary contributions, appointed by the Kings Council, for the Bridges of Balbirny and

¹ This book by Canaries, afterwards minister of Selkirk, was a Treatise of the sufficient Manifestation of the Will of God in all ages, 8vo. Edin. 1684. It appears from the Minutes of the Presbytery of St. Andrews, that Canaries, who had apostatized to the Popish religion, solemnly abjured that faith at a public meeting held for the purpose at St. Andrews, on the 25 January 1682.

Newmill, the town of Newburgh, and the pier of Anstruther-Eastar, to be put in execution, and that these that have not collected them yet, collect and pay them to the collectors.

Drs. James Weems, rector of the University, Richard Waddel, arch-deacon of St. Andrews, Alexander Skeen, provost of the Old College, John Nicolson, minister of Errol, John Hay, minister at Falkland, Mrs John Blair, minister at Kilspindie, and Mary Chrystie, minister at Kinross, appointed to visit the church of Aultirderan

APPENDIX.



INTERIOR VIEW of the CHURCH of ST. MONAN, E.

APPENDIX.

CATALOGUE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF FIFE FROM THE REFORMATION IN 1560, TO THE YEAR 1700.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

ABERCROMBIE, OR ST. MONANCE.¹

Mr. John Fergusson, *reader*, (1563.)

Mr. Thomas Young, *reader*, (1567.)

Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586. (*See ANSTRUTHER WESTER.*)

Mr. Alex. Forlyth, *ad.* 1593: went to England 1604.

Mr. Daniel Wilkie, *ad.* Nov. 1605: demitted 1628.

Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* Dec. 15. 1628; conformed to Presbytery 1638;
died March 1668.

Mr. James Rattray, *ad.* July 26. 1664: deposed for not taking the Test, 1682.

Mr. Andrew Burnet, *ad.* May 24, 1682; ousted 1689.

Mr. Walter Wilton, *ad.* 17th Dec. 1689; *tr.* to Kileconquhar, Dec. 3. 1704.

In 1646, the Synod dismembered the town and lands of St. Monance from the parish of Kileconquhar, and united them to Abercrombie. But as the kirk of St. Monance was "most capable to containe the whole parish, and because the grytest number of the parishioners dwell neerest to that kirk, and for other reasons convinced in the supplication given in to the Presbytrie for that effect," divine worship was ordained to be performed therein in future.

ANSTRUTHER EASTER.¹

Mr. Colin Adams, *tr.* from Kilrennie, Nov. 1641; deposed 1662.

Mr. Edward Thomson, *ad.* November 14, 1677.

Mr. William Monerieff, *ad.* Aug. 5, 1686; demitted 1689.

Mr. William Wardrop, *ad.* 1691.

ANSTRUTHER WESTER.

Mr. William Clerk, (1567); died Feb. 1583-4.

Mr. Robert Wood, from 1584 to 1586.

Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* November 1586.²

Mr. Robert Durie, *ad.* 1588; banished by King James 1606; died at Leyden in 1616.

Mr. John Fairfoul, *ad.* 1613; died 1625.

Mr. George Dewar, *tr.* from St. Andrews 1626; conformed to Presbytery 1638; deposed Nov. 21, 1641.

Vacant from 1641 to 1645.

Mr. David Guthrie, *ad.* July 23, 1645; deposed 1665.

Mr. Alex. Leslie, *ad.* January, 1666; *tr.* to Ceres, 1667.

Mr. David Taylor, *ad.* May 13, 1668.

Mr. Thomas Auchinleck, *ad.* : outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1695.

Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* May 1, 1695; died 1702.

¹ In 1641, the town and barony of Anstruther-Easter were disjoined from the parish of Kilrennie, and erected into a separate charge, by the authority of Parliament.

² Mr. James Melvill had also the charge of the kirks of Abercrombie, Kilrennie, and Pittenweem; but shortly after his admission, he procured their erection into separate parishes, and betook himself to the charge of Kilrennie, in October 1590, where he officiated till 1606. In that year, he was called by King James to London, and was afterwards ward in Berwick for his opposition to Episcopacy, where he died in 1614.

CAMERON.

Mr. George Nairne, *ad.* May 6, 1646; *tr.* to Bruntifland 1649.¹

Mr. Alexander Wilton, *ad.* April 24, 1650; depofed 1662.

Mr. James Williamfon, *ad.* June 24, 1668.

Mr. Andrew Flooker, *ad.* Jan. 30, 1678; outed 1689.

Mr. Alexander Wilfon reftored 1689.

Mr. John Oliphant, *ad.* Dec. 13, 1694.

CARNBEE.

Mr. David Spens, (1567); died 1576.

Mr. George Durie, (1572.)

Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* November 7, 1576.

Mr. William Laing, (1582.)

Mr. Andrew Hunter, (Feb. 9. 1586-7); *tr.* to Newburn 1589.

Mr. David Mernes, *ad.* Jan. 1589-90; (alive 1635.)

Mr. John Mernes, *ad.* April 1639; depofed Jan. 6, 1642.

Mr. Harie Rymour, *ad.* April 24, 1644; depofed 1664. Alive at the Revolution.

Mr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Sept. 27, 1664; *tr.* to Pittenweem July 9, 1677.

Mr. James Gairns or Gairdner, *tr.* from Balmerino, Sept. 16, 1678.

Mr. Alex. Lundie, *tr.* from Orwell April 27, 1681, (*tr.* to Cupar 1682?)

Mr. John Falconer, *ad.* May 23, 1683; outed 1689.²

Mr. Harie Rymour reftored 1689; died 1697.

Mr. John Arthur, helper to Mr. Rymour 1690; *tr.* to Elie 1692.

Mr. Robert Fairweather, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Rymour, Oct. 5, 1693; *tr.* to Craill 1701.

¹ Mr. George Nairn was the first minister of Cameron. This parish, before 1592, formed part of the landwart of the parish of St. Andrews, from which it was disjoined in that year by act of Parliament, though the act does not appear to have been carried into effect till 1646. See page 146, 150.

² Consecrated a non-juring Bishop in 1709, and died in 1728.

CRAILL.

Mr. John Melvill, 1560.

Mr. Thomas Kyuneir, (1568.)

Mr. Patrick Mortoun, *vicar*, (1576); depofed 1590.

Mr. John Admetoun, *vicar*, *ad.* April 1581, demitted 1586.

Mr. Henry Leich, *ad.* 1586; *tr.* to Auchtermuchty in 1593.

Mr. Andrew Moncreiff, *Parson of Craill*,¹ *tr.* from Kileconquhar in 1593; died July 29, 1596.

Mr. Andrew Duncan, *ad.* Sept. 1597; banithed by King James in 1606; though not formally depofed till 1619.

Mr. William Murray,² *ad.* 1598; depofed October 1624.

Dr. John Douglas *ad.* 1624; died 1635.

Mr. George Halyburton *ad.* 1635; outed 1638.

Mr. Arthur Myrton *ad.* 1640; died 1645.

Mr. John Hart *A. and S.* to Mr. Myrton, 1643; *tr.* to Deninno 1646.

Mr. James Sharp, *ad.* Jan. 27, 1648; loofed from Crail to be third maf-ter of St. Mary's College, January 16, 1661: **consecrated** Archbithop of St. Andrews, Dec. 15, 1661.

Dr. Alex. Edward, *tr.* from Deninno Aug. 5, 1663; died May 7, 1684.

Mr. Alexander Leflie, *tr.* from Ceres Oct. 22, 1684; outed 1690.

Mr. William Hardie, *ad.* Sept. 23, 1690; *tr.* to St. Andrews 1701.

Mr. Robert Fairweather, *tr.* from Carnbee 1701.

DENINNO.

Mr. David Guild, (1567.)

Mr. Thomas Broun, *parfon* of Dinminow, (1574.)

¹ Mr. Andrew Duncan, and Mr. William Murray were colleague minifters of Crail: prior to Sept. 1600, Mr. Murray acted only as assistant.

² When the church of Crail was difsolved by Parliament from the Monastery of Haddington in 1594, its revenues were divided into three parts, the firft to the minifter "that ſhall ſerve the cure at the ſaid parochie kirk of Carrail, quha ſalbe called the *Perſon* thereof;" and the other two parts for ſuſtaining bursars at the Colleges of St. Andrews and Edinburgh.

Mr. David Martyn, *ad.* April 1591.

Mr. William Erskine, *ad.* 1597.

Mr. David Forret, (1639); *tr.* to Forgan, 1640.

Mr. James Wood, *ad.* 1641; made 3d master of the New College, 1645.

Mr. John Hart, *tr.* from Crail, Dec. 30, 1646; *tr.* to Dunkeld in 1650.

Mr. Alexander Edward, *ad.* Oct. 13, 1652; conf. to Episcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Crail, 1663.

Mr. William Moore, *ad.* Nov. 11, 1663; *tr.* to St. Andrews, July 1664.

Mr. John Barclay, *ad.* Dec. 15, 1664; *tr.* to Kettle, July 1667.

Mr. Paul Methven, *ad.* Nov. 20, 1667; *tr.* to .

Mr. Andrew Auchinleck, *ad.* April 3, 1672.

Mr. William Wood, *ad.* 1683; deposed May 2, 1693.

Vacant from 1693 to 1697.

Mr. James Knox, *ad.* Sept 2, 1697.

ELIE.¹

Mr. Robert Traill, *ad.* 1640; *tr.* to Edinburgh, 1648.

Mr. Robert Weems, *ad.* Aug. 16, 1649; deposed 1665.

Mr. Alexander Wilton, *ad.* May 8, 1678; ousted 1689.

Mr. John Arthur, *tr.* from Carnbee 1692; died 1699.

Mr. John Chalmers, *ad.* 1701.

FERRY-FORT-ON-CRAIG.²

Mr. John McBirny, *ad.* May 10, 1604; *tr.* to Aberdeen 1605.

Mr. Simeon Durie, *ad.* 1606; *tr.* to Forgan in 1609.

¹ The burgh of Elie was disjoined by the Synod from the parish of Kilconquhar, and erected into a separate charge in April 1639. Sir William Scott of Ardros bequeathed 5000 merks for erecting the church and manse; and his son, William Scott, afterwards mortified a stipend for the minister. This erection was ratified by Parliament in 1641.

² This parish formed part of Leuchars, from which it was disjoined in 1602, by the Presbytery and Synod. In 1606, an act of Parliament was passed for erecting the parish of new.

- Mr. James Jarden, *ad.* Nov. 1609; *tr.* to Longforgan in January 1615.
 Mr. Samuel Cunningham, *ad.* 1616; conformed to Presb. 1638; died 1641.
 Mr. Andrew Honyman, A. and S. 1640; *tr.* to St. Andrews, 1642.
 Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* May 1, 1644; demitted, May 2, 1649.
 Mr. John Rig, *ad.* Jan. 15, 1651; *tr.* to Strathmiglo, 1655.
 Mr. William Vilant, *ad.* May 21, 1656; deposed 1662.¹
 Vacant from 1662 to 1666.
 Mr. Robert White, *tr.* from Inchtute, May 24, 1666; outed 1689.
 Mr. William Vilant, restored 1690; made Principal of the New College.
 1691.
 Mr. William Kemp, *ad.* 1692.
 Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
 Mr. Patrick Tullideph, *ad.* May 4, 1697; died 1709.

FORGAN, OR ST. FILLANS.

- Mr. John Ure, *minister*, (1567.) See Leuchars.
 Mr. Andrew Bennet, *vicar*, 1573.
 Mr. Robert Buchanan, *ad.* March 1590; *tr.* to Ceres in June 1599.
 Mr. William Marche, Regent in St. Leonard's College, *ad.* August 1599;
 died 1606.
 Mr. David Lindtāy, *tr.* from St. Andrews 1606; *tr.* to Leith 1609.
 Mr. Simcon Durie *tr.* from Ferryportoneraig 1609; *tr.* to Arbroath 1628.
 Mr. Henry Scrimgeour *ad.* 1628.
 Mr. David Forret, *tr.* from Deninno 1640; *tr.* to Kilconquhar May 27, 1646.
 Mr. Alexander Wederburn, *ad.* Feb. 10, 1647; deposed 1665.²
 Mr. John Alexander, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1665.
 Mr. William Scot, *ad.* Aug. 12, 1674.
 Mr. Alexander Sharp, *ad.* Jan. 16, 1678.
 Mr. James Strahan, *ad.* Sept. 25, 1678; outed 1689.
 Mr. Hugh Kemp *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Dunfermline May 1701.

¹ Mr. Vilant was *indulged* at the vacant church of Cambusnethan in 1669.

² He afterwards accepted the *indulgence* and preached at Kilmarnock.

KEMBACK.

Mr. William Ramfay, (1566); died 1570.

Mr. James Martyne, (1567.)

Mr. David Monypenny, (1594.)

Mr. George Nairn, *ad.* December 1596; *tr.* to Kennoway in 1604.

Mr. David Monypennie, restored 1604;¹ deposed for fornication Oct. 7, 1617.

Dr. David Mouro, 1618; *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1628.

Mr. John Barron, *ad.* 1628; conformed to Presb. 1638; demitted 1648.

Mr. David Patton, *ad.* July 11, 1648; *tr.* to Kettins June 19, 1650.

Vacant from 1650 to 1656.

Mr. John Wardlaw, *ad.* July 2, 1656; deposed 1662.

Mr. Robert Glafford, *ad.* Sept 7, 1664;¹ *tr.* to Kilmanie 1667.

Mr. John Christifone, June 30, 1669.

Mr. George Landells, *ad.* June 4, 1674; *tr.* to Cupar 1682.

Mr. Alexander Edward, *ad.* Feb. 22, 1682; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1700.

Mr. Alexander Anderfon, *ad.* 1700.

KILCONQUHAR.

Mr. Alexander Spence, (1565.)

Mr. George Leslie, *ad.* Aug. 24, 1568.

Mr. David Spens, (1574.)

Mr. William Ballendene, *vicar.* (1577.)

Mr. Andrew Moncreiff, *tr.* from Largo 1590; *tr.* to Crail in 1593.

Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* July 1594; removed in 1603.²

¹ Mr. David Monypennie, as one of the masters of St. Salvator's College, was *ex officio* parson of Kemback. He appears to have resigned the office in 1595, when Mr. George Nairne was admitted minister. On Mr. Nairne's translation to Kennoway in 1604, the parishioners of Kemback petitioned the Presbytery to have Mr. Monypennie again for their minister, who accordingly resumed the charge.

² Mr. Rutherford had been deposed by the Presbytery in July 1596, but was restored to his charge by King James in June 1597. He afterwards "renounced the ministerie and took him to be a mediciner."—*Melville's Diary*.

Mr. John Carmichael, *tr.* from Newburn Aug. 11, 1603; died in 1622.

Mr. Harie Rollock, *ad.* 1623.

Dr. David Monro, *tr.* from Kemback 1628; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died Dec. 1645.

Mr. David Forrett, *tr.* from Forgan May 27, 1646; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; died Feb. 26, 1672.

Mr. William Hay, *ad.* Nov. 19, 1673; *tr.* to Perth, March 1684.¹

Mr. Alexander Hay, *ad.* Sept. 24, 1684; ousted 1589.

Vacant from 1689 to 1691.

Mr. James Drummond, *ad.* June 25, 1691; died Sept. 29, 1699.

Vacant from Sept. 1699 to Dec. 1701.

Mr. Walter Wilton, *tr.* from Abercrombie, Dec. 3, 1701.

KILRENNIE.

Mr. John Anfruther, *reader*, 1567. See ANSTRUTHER WESTER.

Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586; died 1614.

Mr. John Dykis, *tr.* from Newburn in 1614;² died 1634.

Mr. Colin Adams, *ad.* 1634; *tr.* to Anfruther Easter, Nov. 1641.

Mr. Robert Bennet, *ad.* March 23, 1642; deposed 1665.

Mr. Andrew Bruce, *yo.* *ad.* June 14, 1665.

Dr. John Wood, *ad.* Nov. 8, 1671; demitted Oct. 1698.

Mr. Robert Cleland, *tr.* from Newburn 1700.

KINGSBARNs.³

Mr. James Bruce, *ad.* 1630; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died May 26, 1662.

Mr. George Patullo, *tr.* from Newtyle, Sept. 24, 1663.

¹ Consecrated Bishop of Moray anno 1688, and suffered the common fate of his order at the Revolution.

² Mr. John Dykes, was admitted "fellow laborer" with Mr. James Melvill in 1596, but was translated to Newburn in 1604.

³ Kingsbarns was originally part of the parish of Crail, from which it was disjoined in 1631, by an Act of the Commission of Teinds.

Mr. Gilbert Simson, *ad.* Jan. 3, 1678 ; died 1700.¹

Mr. Joseph Pitcairn, *tr.* from Newburgh July 8, 1701.

LARGO.²

Mr. Thomas Jameſon (1567.)

Mr. Alexander Wood, before 1576.

Mr. Andrew Moncrieff, (Feb. 1586–7 ;) *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1590.

Mr. John Auchinleck, *ad.* 1592.

Mr. Andrew Auchinleck, *ad.* 1615 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; *tr.* to Dundee 1642.

Mr. James Macgill, *ad.* March 28, 1644 ; deposed 1665.

Mr. John Auchinleck, *tr.* from Newburn Dec. 1, 1665 ; ousted 1689.

Mr. James Macgill, restored 1689 ; died 1690.

Mr. William Moncreiff, *ad.* 1691.

LEUCHARS.

Mr. John Ure,³ (1567.)

John Fleſcheour, *reader*, (1574.)

¹ Mr. Simson continued in his charge after the Revolution, but was not connected with the Presbytery.

² In 1564, the General Assembly appointed Mr. Robert Montgomerie, minister of Cupar, to supply Largo every Sabbath, and the school-master of Cupar to read and exhort in his absence.

³ The kirk of Forgan was also in Mr. Ure's charge. He was one of the conventual brethren of the priory of St. Andrews at the Reformation. Mr. Ure, as understanding the "Irish tongue" or Gaelic, was, at the request of the Earl of Menteith, appointed minister at Menteith by the General Assembly 1564.—*Keith's History*.—But he appears not to have accepted, for the Editor has seen from authentic documents, that he was minister of this parish in 1595. It appears from Spottiswoode, that in 1591, "there happened a great division and hot contention in the Presbytery of St. Andrews, as to planting the church of Leuchars." The Presbytery divided and met separately, each division electing a minister for Leuchars. The Synod of Fife appointed some of the ministers of Lothian to bring them to an agreement ; but after two days reasoning, the mediators finding no other means of settling the question annulled both elections ; "and for eschewing such contentions thereafter, they did appoint the Presbytery to be divided into two, a part to sit in Cupar, and the rest to abide in St. Andrews."

- Mr. John Kynneir, *ad.* helper to Mr. Ure, June 1593; died 1612.
 Mr. Alexander Henderfon, *ad.* 1612; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 1638.
 Mr. Eleazor Borthwick, *ad.* 1640; went to England in 1641.
 Mr. Patrick Scougall, *tr.* from Darrie April 2, 1645; *tr.* to Saltoun, 1658.¹
 Mr. John Middleton, *ad.* Dec. 4, 1661; *tr.* to Markinch, 1684.
 Mr. Robert Lundie, *ad.* 1684; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1695.
 Mr. George Gordon, *ad.* July 3, 1695; died 1706.

NEWBURN.

- Mr. George Lundie, (1567.)
 Mr. Andrew Hunter, *tr.* from Carnbee 1589; fufpended April 25, 1594.
 Mr. John Carmichael, *ad.* 1594; *tr.* to Kileconquhar 1603.
 Mr. John Dykis, *ad.* October 1604; *tr.* to Kilrennie 1614.
 Mr. Ephraim Melvill, *ad.* 1614; *tr.* to Pittenweem, 1617.
 Mr. John Forret, *ad.* 1618; demitted 1628.
 Mr. George Hamilton, *ad.* 1628; conformed to Prefbytery 1638; *tr.* to Pittenweem, Feb. 1650.
 Vacant from 1650 to 1653.
 Mr. Robert Honyman, *ad.* April 27, 1653; *tr.* to Dyfart March 1657.
 Mr. George Hamilton, *yo., ad.* Feb. 16, 1659; depofed 1662.
 Mr. John Auchinleck, *tr.* from Inchtore Sept. 30, 1663; *tr.* to Largo Dec. 1, 1665.
 Mr. William Ogilvie, *ad.* March 14, 1666.
 Mr. William Sym, *ad.* September 17, 1679.
 Mr. Andrew Youngfon, *ad.* Auguft 16, 1682.
 Mr. James Hay, *ad.* September 16, 1685; outed 1690.
 Vacant from 1690 to 1692.
 Mr. George Hamilton, reftored 1692; made Principal of St. Leonards College, Feb. 26, 1696.

¹ Afterwards consecrated Bishop of Aberdeen, (1664.) He was son to Sir John Scougal of that ilk, and was a man of great worth. He died much esteemed on 16th February 1682.—
Keith's Scottish Bishops.

Mr. Robert Cleland, *ad.* July 22, 1696; *tr.* to Kilrennie 1700.
 Mr. Arthur Fairfoul, *ad.* 1701; died 1704.

PITTENWEEM.

Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586. See ANSTRUTHER WESTER.
 Mr. Nicol Dalglish, *ad.* 1588.
 Mr. Roger Melvill, *ad.* helper to Mr. Dalglish, Nov. 3, 1603.
 Mr. John Durie, *ad.* April 1613; *tr.* to Logie 1614.
 Vacant from 1614 to 1617.
 Mr. Ephraim Melvill, *tr.* from Newburn 1617; died 1629.
 Mr. John Melvill, *ad.* 1629; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1649.
 Mr. Geo. Hamilton, *tr.* from Newburn Feb. 27, 1650; deposed 1662.

 Mr. Andrew Bruce, *tr.* from Carnbee July 19, 1677; deposed 1690.
 Mr. Patrick Couper, *ad.* 1692.

ST. ANDREWS.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. Christopher Goodman, *ad.* 1560; resigned and went to England, 1565.
 Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* 1565; died 1581.
 Mr. Robert Pont, *ad.* 1582; resigned and returned to St. Cuthberts, 1583.
 Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* 1584.
 Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* June 30, 1586; made Principal of St. Leonards.
 May 21, 1589.
 Mr. David Black, *ad.* Nov. 11, 1590; deposed by King James, 1597; *ad.*
 to Arbirlot May 1598; died 1603.
 Mr. George Gladstones, *tr.* from Arbirlot, July 11, 1597; created Bishop
 of Caithness, 1600, and Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1606.¹
 Mr. Alex. Gladstones, *Archdean*, *ad.* 1612; deposed Nov. 21, 1638,

¹ Archbishop Gladstones continued to officiate as Archdean till 1612, when the Archdeanery was separated from the Archbishoprick, and conferred on his son. The title of *Archdean* was assumed by the first minister during Episcopacy; but the Presbyterian ministers declined the title, although they enjoyed the benefice.

- Mr. Robert Blair, *tr.* from Ayr, O&t. 1639; depofed 1662; died 1666.
- Mr. Andrew Honyman, *ad.* O&t. 2, 1662; created Bifhop of Orkney, April 11, 1664; died 1676.
- Mr. Alexander Young, *tr.* from Cramond, Sept. 28, 1665; made Bifhop of Edinburgh 1671; and of Rofs 1679.
- Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Jan. 1673; created Bifhop of Dunkeld, 1680.
- Dr. William Moore, *ad.* O&t. 1680; died 26th March, 1684.
- Dr. Richard Waddel, *tr.* from Glasgow, July 1684; ejected 1689.
- Mr. James Rymer, *ad.* Sept. 1689; died 1691.
- Mr. Thomas Forrefter, *tr.* from Killearn, May 1692; became Principal of St. Mary's College, Jan. 1698.
- Mr. John Anderfon, *tr.* from St. Cuthberts, May 1699; died Feb. 1712.

ST. ANDREWS.—2D MINISTER.

- Mr. John Auchinleck, 1590.
- Mr. Robert Wallace, *ad.* May 9, 1593; depofed by King James, 1597.
- Mr. David Lindfay, *ad.* Aug. 17, 1597; *tr.* to Forgan 1606.
- Mr. Jofua Durie, *ad.* 1609, *tr.* to Inverkeillor, O&tobor 1613.
- Dr. David Barclay, *ad.* 1614; depofed for nonconformity to the Articles of Perth, 1620.
- Mr. John Douglas, *ad.* 1621; to 1623.
- Mr. George Dewar, *ad.* 1624; *tr.* to Anfrutther-Wefter 1625.
- Dr. George Withart, *tr.* from Monifieth, 1626; depofed 1638.¹
- Vacant from 1638 to 1642.
- Mr. Andrew Honyman, *tr.* from Ferryportoneraig, 1642; became Archdean, O&t. 1662.
- Mr. William Moore, *tr.* from Deninno, July 15, 1664; became Archdean, 1680.
- Dr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Cupar, April 1681; died 1686.
- Mr. John Wood, *ad.* Nov. 9, 1686; depofed 1689.
- Vacant from 1690 to 1697.

¹ After the Restoration he became Bishop of Edinburgh.

Mr. Alexander Shields, *ad.* Sept. 15, 1697; went to Darien 1700.

Mr. William Hardie, *tr.* from Craill, May 1, 1701.

ST. LEONARDS.¹

Mr. Robert Wilkie, Principal, *ad.* Minister 1589; died 1611.

Dr. Peter Bruce, *ad.* Principal and Minister 1611; died 1630.

Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Principal and Minister 1630; resigned the ministry in 1644, but continued Principal till his death in 1647.

Mr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* Minister 1644; made Professor of Divinity in St. Mary's College 1662.

Dr. James Weymfs, *ad.* Principal and Minister Dec. 21, 1662; died 1691.

Mr. William Tullideph. Principal and Minister, *tr.* from Weems 1692; died 1695.

Mr. George Hamilton, *ad.* Principal and Minister, *tr.* from Newburn Feb. 1696; *tr.* to Edinburgh Jan. 1697.

Mr. John Anderson, Principal and Minister, *tr.* from Leslie Sept. 1, 1697; died 1708.

ST. MARY'S OR NEW COLLEGE.²*Principal.*

John Douglas, *ad.* 1547, and continued to 1572, when he became Archbishop of St. Andrews.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* 1574; deprived about 1580, and died April 16, 1581.

Mr. Andrew Melville, *ad.* in December 1580; removed from Scotland by King James in 1606, and went to Sedan, where he died in 1622.

Dr. Robert Howie, *tr.* from Dundee 1607; died 1643.

¹ From the period of the Reformation, until 1589, the parishioners of St. Leonards were placed under the charge of the minister of St. Andrews.

² The Principal and Masters of St. Mary's College appear to have been members of Presbytery. It may be observed, that for a considerable time after the Reformation, Professors of Theology, although not placed ministers, were admitted as members of Church Courts.

- Mr. Samuel Rutherford, *ad.* 1644; died March 29, 1661.
 Dr. Alexander Colville, *ad.* 1662; died Jan. 1666.
 Dr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* October 23, 1666.
 Dr. James Lorimer, *ad.* 1688; died in 1690.
 Mr. William Vilant, *ad.* 1691; died Nov. 1692.
 Mr. Alexander Pitcairn, *ad.* January 19, 1693; died Sept. 1695.
 Mr. Thomas Forrefter, *ad.* 1698; died 1706.

2d Master, or Professor of Divinity.

- Mr. James Lawton, *ad.* Feb. 3, 1568–9.
 Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* May 1569.
 Mr. Archibald Hamilton, *ad.* 1575.
 Mr. James Melville, *ad.* 1582; *tr.* to Anstruther Wester, Nov. 1586.
 Mr. John Johnston, *ad.* 1598.
 Dr. James Blair, *ad.* 1615.
 Dr. Patrick Melville, *ad.* 1623.
 Mr. Samuel Rutherford, *ad.* 1639; afterwards Principal.
 Dr. Alexander Colville, *ad.* 1642; afterwards Principal.
 Dr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* 1662; afterwards Principal.
 Mr. James Tyrie, *ad.* 1667.
 Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* 1671.
 Mr. David Falconer, *ad.* 1673.
 Dr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* 1682; *tr.* to Principality of Edinburgh College
 Dec. 9, 1685.
 Dr. James Lorimer, *ad.* 1687; afterwards Principal.
 Vacant from 1688 to 1699.
 Mr. James Haddow, *tr.* from Cupar 1699.

3d Master, or Professor of Ecclesiastical History.

- Mr. Archibald Hamilton, *ad.* 1569.
 Mr. Alexander Hamilton, *ad.* 1575.
 Mr. John Hamilton, *ad.*

Mr. John Robertson, *ad.* 1580.

Mr. John Caldeleuch, *ad.* 1585; *tr.* to Abdie 1599.

Mr. Patrick Melville, *ad.* 1599.

Dr. James Wedderburn, *ad.* 1623.

Mr. Patrick Panter, *ad.* 1628; depofed 1638.

Mr. James Wood, *tr.* from Deninno July 9, 1645; made Principal of St. Salvator's College in 1657.

Mr. James Sharp, *ad.* 1660.

Mr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* 1661; *tr.* to 2d Mafter 1662.¹

ST. SALVATORS OR OLD COLLEGE.²

Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* 1560.

Mr. William Ramfay, (1566.)

Mr. James Martin, *ad.* 1570; demitted in 1623.

Mr. George Martin, *ad.* 1624; conformed to Prefb. 1638; died 1645.

Mr. John Barron, *ad.* 1646; demitted 1649.

Vacant from 1649 to 1657?

Mr. James Wood, *tr.* from St. Mary's College, 1657; depofed 1663; died 1664.

Mr. George Wemyſ, *tr.* from St. Leonards College Nov. 1. 1664.

Mr. George Patullo, *ad.* 1677.

Mr. Alexander Skeen, *ad.* 1680; ejected in 1691.

Vacant from 1691 to 1694.

Mr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* 1694.

Mr. Robert Ramfay, *ad.* 1698.

¹ The Third Maſter's place, from want of funds, was vacant from 1662 to 1708.

² The Provost or Principal of St. Salvator's College, was, during the latter part of the 16th Century, *ex officio* parson of Cults, which parish, after 1692, lay in the Presbytery of Cupar. But in April 1611, the Diocesan Synod declared, "that the Provost of the Awld College ſal. fra this tyme forth, be of the Exerecis of St. Androis."

PRESBYTERY OF CUPAR.

ABDIE.

Mr. William Simfoun, (1564.)

William Glen, *reader*, 1576.

Mr. Alexander Serogy, (1589.)

Mr. John Caldcleugh, *ad.* 1599; died 1622.

Mr. Andrew Murray, *ad.* Oct. 1622; outed 1638.¹

Mr. Alexander Balfour, 1639; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. William Arnot, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Mr. John Carlon, *ad.* 1691.

AUCHTERMUCHTY.

Alexander Fairney, *reader*, 1567.

Sir William Scot of Balweary, *vicar*, *ad.* ; died 1575.

George Leflie, *vicar*, *ad.* June 2, 1575.

Mr. Henry Leech, *tr.* from Crail 1593; died 1614.

Mr. James Bennet, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died about 1640.

Mr. James Martin, *tr.* from Cults 1641; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Ballingray Dec. 1669.

Mr. James Dempster, *ad.* 1670; outed 1690.²

Mr. Alexander Glafs, *ad.* 1691; *tr.* to Kinclavin 1700.

¹ Mr. Andrew Murray was a person of eminence in the Church, and a great favourite of Charles the 1st., at whose coronation he was knighted, and afterwards (1641) created Lord Balvaird. In 1642 he succeeded to the title and estates of Starmont, and died in 1644.

² On 19th April 1698, the Presbytery complains, that Mr. Dempster "conveens people from several congregations, baptizeth, marrieth, and giveth the communion within their bounds."—*Presb. Records.*

BALMERINO.

Mr. Archibald Keith, *ad.* 1560.¹

Mr. Patrick Auchinleck, (1571.)

Mr. Thomas Douglas of Stanipethe, *ad.* March 1580-1; alive 1626.

Mr. Walter Greig, *ad.* *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Douglas; conformed to Presbytery 1638, and to Episcopacy 1662; died Jan. 31. 1672.

Mr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* May 1, 1673.

Mr. James Gairns or Gairdner, *ad.* 1676; *tr.* to Carnbee Sept. 16. 1678.

Mr. George Hay, *ad.* 1678.

Mr. John Auchterlony, *ad.*; ousted 1689.²

Mr. Andrew Bowie, *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Ceres August 1692.

Vacant from 1692 to 1696.

Mr. James Hay, *ad.* May 7. 1696.

CERES.

Mr. Patrick Constan, or Adamson, (1563;) created Archbishop of St. Andrews 1576.

Mr. William Lang or Laing, (1567.)

Mr. Thomas Buchanan, *ad.* April 1, 1578; died April 1599.

Mr. Robert Buchanan, *tr.* from Forgan 1599; died 1617.

Mr. David Kynneir, *ad.* 1618; died 1623.

Mr. Walter Buchanan, *ad.* 1624; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

Mr. William Row, *ad.* 1644; deposed 1665.

Mr. Alexander Leflie, *tr.* from Anstruther-Weiler 1667; *tr.* to Craill 1684.

Mr. William Row, restored 1689, but superannuated.

Mr. Andrew Bowie *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Row, *tr.* from Balmerrino 1692; *tr.* to North Leith, March 23, 1697.

Mr. Thomas Haliburton, *ad.* May 1, 1700.

¹ The kirks of Balmerino and Logie were served by Mr. Keith, who was, on the 29th December 1562, decreed by the General Assembly to be translated from those kirks to a place with a more abundant stipend.

² He was afterwards minister of Fordon in the Mearns.

COLLESSIE.

- Mr. Alexander Jarden, (1567.) See MONIMAIL.
 John Wobfler, *reader*, 1567.
 Mr. Thomas Scott, *ad.* ; died 1586.
 Mr. Henry Balfour, *ad.* August 1586; inhibited by the Presbytery from
 preaching, on account of his weakness and great age, 1627; died 1629.
 Mr. John Moncreiff, *A. and S. ad.* 1627; conformed to Presbytery 1638;
 tr. to Kinghorn 1639.
 Mr. John Littlejohn, *ad.* 1640.
 Mr. John Ogilvie, (1677;) outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1696.
 Mr. William Pitcairn, *ad.* September 9, 1696.

CREICH.

- Mr. Thomas Drummond, (1563.) See FLISK.
 James Cavie, *reader*, 1567.
 Mr. Robert Paterfon, (1567.)
 Mr. Andrew Bennet, *ad.* Feb. 1583-4; *tr.* to Monimail 1585.
 Mr. John Killoch, *vicar, ad.* Aug. 1585.
 Mr. Thomas Baxter, *ad.* 1590.
 Mr. Alexander Strachan, (1604;) banished by King James 1606.
 Mr. David Kinnear, (1617.)
 Mr. Andrew Bennet, *yo. ad.* 1617; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1651.
 Vacant from 1651 to 1654.
 Mr. John Alexander, *tr.* from Cults Dec. 28, 1654; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.
 Mr. James Seaton, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1693.
 Mr. John Law, *ad.* December 28, 1693; died June 9, 1694.
 Mr. David Pitcairn, *ad.* August 27, 1695; *tr.* to Forres 1700.¹
 Mr. James Henry, *ad.* 1702.

¹ Mr. Pitcairn appears not to have gone to his charge at Forres, but to Holland.

CULTS.

Mr. John Balfour, (1560.)¹

Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* 1563; died 1577.

David Fritell, *exhorter*, 1567.

Mr. James Martin, (1590.)²

Mr. James Martin, *ad.* ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Auchtermuchty 1641.

Mr. William Glafford, *ad.* 1641.

Mr. John Alexander, *ad.* 1643; *tr.* to Creich 1654.

Vacant from 1654 to 1656.

Mr. George Dithlington, *ad.* May 1, 1656; deposed by the Synod 1668.

Mr. John Keir, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1692.

Mr. Alexander Wilton, *ad.* 1692; died 1697.

Mr. Thomas Birrell, *ad.* May 11, 1699.

CUPAR.³—(1ST MINISTER.)

Mr. Robert Montgomerie, (1564.)

Mr. Alexander Spens, *tr.* from Kileconquhar 1566? died Nov. 1568.

Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* 1568.

Mr. Robert Flecheour, *ricar.* *ad.* April 6, 1671-2.

Mr. Adam Mitchell, (1573); alive 1616.

Mr. William Scott, (1602); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

¹ He was removed by the General Assembly on 25th June 1563, as having usurped the Ministry, and being unqualified, and Mr. John Rutherford appointed in his place.—*Keith's Hist.*

² Mr. Martin was admitted Provost of St. Salvator's College in 1570, and was *ex officio* minister of Cults. He was succeeded by Mr. George Martin in the Provostry in 1623. Whether he died at that time is unknown, but it is certain that a Mr. James Martin was minister of Cults in 1611 & 1639 (*see pp.* 33 & 116.) who was translated to Auchtermuchty in 1641, and thence to Ballingray in 1669. It is inconsistent with chronology to suppose that the Provost of 1570 was the minister of 1669; although there is little doubt that he was the minister of 1590.

³ Cupar and Moonsie were at this time united in one charge. The neighbouring parish of St. Michaels of Tarvit was united to Cupar in 1618.

Mr. David Dalgleish, *ad.* 1642; died 1651.

Vacant from 1651 to 1654.

Mr. John Makgill, *tr.* from Dunbog Dec. 14, 1654; outed 1662.¹

Mr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Dyfart Aug. 6, 1663; *tr.* to 2d charge of St. Andrews, April 1681.

Mr. George Landells; *tr.* from Kemback, 1682; died 1685.

Vacant from 1685 to 1689.

Mr. Thomas Arnot, *ad.* 1689; died 1694.

Mr. James Haddow, *ad.* 1694; made Prof. of Divinity in the New Coll. April 1699.

Mr. William Dick, *tr.* from Forgandenny, 1702.

CUPAR.—(2d MINISTER.)

Mr. David Dalgleish,² (1625); conformed to Presbytery 1638; became 1st Minister 1642.

Vacant from 1642 to 1658.

Mr. Thomas Arnot, *ad.* June 11, 1658; deposed 1662.³

Mr. William Wilton, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1665; deposed Aug. 29, 1689.

Mr. James Haddow, *ad.* 1692; became 1st Minister 1694.

Vacant from 1694 to 1698.

Mr. William Greenlees, *ad.* May 4, 1698; *tr.* to Ceres 1712.

DAIRSIE.

Mr. Peter Ramfay, (1567.)

Mr. John Williamson, *vicar.* *ad.* Nov. 24, 1577.

Mr. James Yuill, (1590); died 1610.

Mr. Makgill went to France in 1663, and studied medicine. He returned "graduat doctor of phisike; he came home in a gray sute, but went abroad in black apparell." He purchased the estate of Kemback in 1667, and from him the present family of Makgill of Kemback are descended.—*Lomont's Diary.*

² The church of Cupar was made collegiate about 1625, and Mr. David Dalgleish was appointed 2d minister.

³ Mr. Arnot was alive at the Revolution, and took the charge of the 1st minister.

- Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* Feb. 1611; *tr.* to Monifiuth 1626.
 Mr. Patrick Seowgall, (1636); *tr.* to Leuchars, 1645.
 Mr. David Raitt, *tr.* from Newburgh 1645; conformed to Episcopacy
 1662; *tr.* to Kinnaird 1664.
 Mr. George Patterfoun, *ad.* 1665; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1696.
 Mr. Andrew Geddie, March 3, 1696.
 Vacant October 1703.

DUNBOG.

- Mr. William Simfoun, (1564.)
 Robert Williamson, *reader*, 1567. See FLISK.
 Mr. Robert Paterfoun, *vicar*, *ad.* Sept. 2, 1570.
 Mr. William Thomfon, *vicar*, *ad.* April 18, 1575.
 Mr. Thomas Baxter, (Jan. 1589-90); died 1641.
 Mr. William Levistoun, *A. and S.* to Mr. Baxter, (1639); *tr.* to Falk-
 land 1645.
 Mr. John Makgill, *yo. ad.* 1646; *tr.* to Cupar December 14, 1654.
 Vacant from 1654 to 1657.
 Mr. William Tullideph, Regent in St. Salvator's College, *ad.* July 30, 1657;
 deposed 1662.¹
 Mr. Alexander Martin, *ad.* 1664; died 1665.
 Mr. Alexander Auchinleck, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1666; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1698.
 Mr. George Anderfoun, *tr.* from Logie July 12, 1698.

FALKLAND, OR KILGOUR.²

- Mr. William Braidfuit, (1567.)
 Mr. Alexander Muir, (1574.)

¹ Mr. Tullideph was *indulged* in 1669, and allowed to preach at Kilbirnie.

² The ancient name of this parish was Kilgour. Its modern name was given in consequence of the church having been removed from Kilgour to Falkland.

Mr. David Couper, *ricar.* *ad.* 1574.

Mr. Adam Bannatyne.

Mr. William Cranfton, *ad.* Nov. 27, 1589.

Mr. James Pitcairn, (1611;) demitted 1624.

Mr. William Shetho or Shidow, *ad.* 1624; depofed for immorality October 7. 1635.

Mr. William Barclay, *ad.* 1635; depofed for malignancy 1644.

Mr. William Leviftoun, *tr.* from Dunbog 1646; conformed to Epifcopacy 1662.

Mr. William Barclay, (reftored 1664); died about 1671.

Mr. John Hay, (1673); outed 1689.

Mr. Henry Hamilton, *ad.* 1690.

Mr. John Forreft, *ad.* 1691.

Mr. William Selkrig, *ad.* 1692; died 1701.

FLISK.

Mr. James Balfour, “ perfoune of Flisk ” 1561.¹

Mr. Robert Paterfon, (1567.)²

Mr. Peter Watfon, (1586.)

Mr. John Wemyfs, *ad.* September 1590; became Principal of St. Leonard’s College in 1592.

Mr. John Makgill, (1613); conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died March 22. 1659.

Mr. William Myles, *ad.* May 3, 1660; conformed to Epifcopacy 1662; died 1694.

Vacant from 1694 to 1697.

Mr. William Thomfon, *ad.* May 6, 1697.

¹ He was Lord President of the Court of Session, and is stigmatised by Dr. Robertson as “ the most corrupt man of his age.”

² Mr. Paterson had also the charge of the kirks of Dunbog and Creich, where *Readers*, officiated.

KINGS KETTLE, OR LATHRISK.¹

Mr. Alexander Mure, *exhorter*, (1567.)

Mr. John Balfour, *vicar*, *ad.* 1573.

Mr. William Cranfoun, *ad.* Nov. 1589.²

Mr. James Pitcairn, *ad.* ; demitted in 1623.

Mr. William Cranfoun, *ad.* Dec. 1623; demitted 1626.

Mr. Robert Cranfoun, *ad.* 1626; *tr.* to Seonie 1632.

Mr. John Ramfay, *ad.* 1633; conformed to Presbytery 1638, and to Episcopacy 1662; died 1667.

Mr. John Ramfay, *tr.* from Denmino July 1667; outed 1689.

Mr. James Pitcairn, *tr.* from Burntisland, 1691.

KILMANY.

Mr. William Ramfay (1565.)

Mr. James Forlyth, *ad.* Sept. 24, 1571.

Mr. Robert Heindfchalls, or Infchaw, (1574.)

Mr. John Sharpe, (1604.) banished by King James. 1606.³

Vacant in 1608.

Mr. James Thomfoun (1611.) conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1646.

Mr. George Thomfoun, *A.* and *S.* 1639; died Nov. 1661.

Mr. Thomas Kinninmouth, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1663; *tr.* to Dunfermline, 1666.

Mr. Robert Glafford, *tr.* from Kemback 1667; *tr.* to Auchterderran. 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1692.

¹ The name of this Parish was anciently *Lathrisk*, from a place near the west end of the Parish where the church formerly stood. In the beginning of the Seventeenth Century the church was removed to the village of Kettle, since which time the parish took its present name.

² Mr. William Cranston was appointed to Lathrisk in 1589. Whether he resigned and afterwards resumed the charge is unknown; but it appears from the *Register of Presentations to Benefices*, that a Mr. William Cranston was appointed minister at Lathrisk Dec. 30, 1623. on the translation of Mr. James Pitcairn the last minister.

³ He went to France, where he was Professor of Theology at Die in Dauphine; returned to Scotland in 1640, and was made Professor of Theology at Edinburgh. He was the author of several learned works. He died about 1646.

Mr. James Macdougall, *ad.* 1692; demitted Oct. 22, 1695; died 1696.

Mr. Alexander Pitcairn, *ad.* Feb. 23, 1697.

Vacant April 1701.

LOGIE.

Mr. Archibald Keith, 1560. SEE BALMERINO.

Mr. Patrick Auchinleck, (1571.)

Henry Leache, *reader*, (1571.)

Mr. Thomas Forret, *vicar*; demitted 1580.

Mr. Thomas Douglas, *ad.* March 1580-1.

Mr. John Lootfute [Lightfoot] (July 1599); died 1612.

Mr. John Durie, *tr.* from Pittenweem, 1613; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died April 1651.

Mr. Henry Pitcairn, May 6, 1652; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; deposed 1690.

Mr. George Anderfoun, *ad.* 1691; *tr.* to Dunbog 1698.

Mr. John Stark, *ad.* April 30, 1700.

MONIMAIL.

Mr. Alexander Jarden, (1567.)¹

Mr. Henry Balfour, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. George Cok, *vicar*; demitted 1579.

Mr. Patrick Arthur, *vicar*, *ad.* 1579.

Mr. Andrew Bennet, *tr.* from Creich 1585; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1640.

Mr. William Bennet, *A. and S.* : conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1641.

Mr. David Orme, *tr.* from Newburgh, Dec. 30, 1641; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; died June 29, 1684, aged 80.

Mr. James Rofs, *ad.* May 20, 1686; ousted 1689.²

Mr. Edward Jamieson, *ad.* 1690; died in 1704, aged 80.

¹ Mr. Jarden had also charge of the parish of Collessie.

² Afterwards non-juring Bishop of Glasgow. He died in 1733.

MOONSIE OR AUCHTERMOONSIE.

- William Greg, *reader*, *ad.* 1576. See CUPAR.
 Mr. James Wedderburn, *ad.* 1625; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died May 1661.
 Mr. James Wedderburn, *yo. A. and S.* Sept. 2, 1659; depofed 1662.
 Mr. James Forfyth, (1664.)
 Mr. David Bayne, (1675.)
 Mr. James Rofs, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
 Mr. Samuel Nairne, *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Errol, 1692.
 Mr. Andrew Young, *ad.* Nov. 21, 1693; died 1699.
 Mr. William Myles, *ad.* Sept. 12, 1700.

NEWBURGH.¹

- Mr. James Leflie, *ad.* O&t. 1622; died 1630.
 Mr. David Orme, *ad.* 1631; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Monymail 1641.
 Mr. David Raitt, *ad.* 1642; *tr.* to Dairfie 1645.
 Mr. Laurence Oliphant, *ad.* 1646; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.
 Mr. Robert Bayne, *ad.* April 11, 1672; died June 1684.
 Mr. William Grant, *ad.* Aug. 27, 1685; outed 1690; died 1696.
 Vacant from 1690 to 1698.
 Mr. Thomas Ferney, *ad.* Feb. 16, 1698; died May 1699.
 Mr. Joseph Pitcairn, *ad.* May 7, 1700.

STRATHMIGLO.

- Mr. George Leflie, (1560.)²
 Mr. William Braidfruit, (1567.)
 Mr. Alexander Muir, (1574.)

¹ The parish of Newburgh formed part of that of Abdie previous to 1622, when the Synod separated the burgh from the *Landcart*, and erected it into a distinct charge. The erection, however, does not appear to have been ratified by Parliament till 1633.

² Mr. Leslie had also the charge of Auchtermuchty.

Mr. James Balcanqual, (October 1589); died 1653.

Mr. John Moncrieff, (1633.)

Mr. John Morray, *ad.* ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died Jan. 1655.

Mr. John Rig, *tr.* from Ferrieportoneraig Sept. 20, 1655; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. David Barclay, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Mr. Alexander Auchmoutie, *ad.* 1690; died 1695.

Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* Sept. 12, 1695; *tr.* to Weems O&. 1697.

Mr. George Gillefpie, *ad.* May 10, 1699.

PRESBYTERY OF KIRKALDY.

ABBOTSHALL.

Mr. Patrick Weyms, *ad.* Nov. 4, 1650; depofed 1662; died 1667.¹

Mr. John Bowes, *ad.* ; depofed Sept. 4, 1690.

Mr. Alexander Frafer, *ad.* January 5, 1692; died 1697.

Mr. Patrick Melvill, *ad.* September 29, 1699.

AUCHTERDERRAN.

Mr. George Bofwell, (1567); alive 1583.

Mr. John Chalmers, (1612); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

¹ Abbotshall was the *landwart* part of the parish of Kirkaldy, from which it was dismembered, and erected into a separate charge in 1650. Mr. Weyms was the first minister, and was depofed at the restoration of Episcopacy. He afterwards purchased the estate of Gladney in Fife.

- Mr. John Chalmers, *yo.*, *ad. A. and S.* to his father May 17, 1638 ; died Nov. 14, 1662.
- Mr. William Lindfay, *ad.* 1663 ; *tr.* to Perth April 9, 1668 ; afterwards Bishop of Dunkeld.
- Mr. Thomas Kimmimonth, *tr.* from Dunfermline, 1668.
- Mr. Robert Glafford, *tr.* from Kilmanie, 1689 ; deposed Sept. 1690 ; died 1691.
- Mr. Thomas Harvey, *ad.* O&. 20, 1692 ; demitted Dec. 1699.
- Mr. John Auchinleck, *ad.* December 18, 1700.

AUCHTERTOOL.

- Mr. Peter Blaikwood, (1567.) See ABERDOUR.
- William Thalland, *reader*, 1574.
- Mr. James Tullis, *ad.* ; died 1604.
- Mr. David Martyn, *ad.* March 1605 ; died 1635.
- Mr. William Bell, *ad.* Dec. 1, 1636 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; *tr.* to Dron 1641.
- Mr. Josua Meldrum, *ad.* Feb. 17, 1642 ; *tr.* to Kinghorn June 26, 1651.
- Mr. Andrew Walker, *ad.* April 28, 1652 ; conformed to Episcopacy 1662 ; *tr.* to .
- Mr. John Wilkie, *ad.* 1664 ; died March 18, 1665.
- Mr. Thomas Litfiter, *ad.* 1665 ; *tr.* to Aberdour 1668.
- Mr. Henry Balfour, ; deposed for non-conformity June 22, 1693.
- Mr. Martin Shanks, *ad.* Sept. 20, 1694 ; *tr.* to Newhills 1696.
- Mr. Andrew Eliot, *ad.* February 29, 1700.

BALLINGRAY.

- Mr. Alex. Wardlaw, *exhorter*, 1560. See KINROSS.
- Mr. David Anderfon, *ad.* 1617 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; died 1640.
- Mr. Robert Bruce, *ad.* March 11, 1641 ; conformed to Episcopacy 1662 ; died 1669.

Mr. James Martin, *tr.* from Auchtermuchty Dec. 1669.

Mr. Henry Malcolm, *ad.* : outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1702.

Mr. Andrew Wardroper, *tr.* from Kirkaldie April 30, 1702.

BURNTISLAND.¹

Mr. Andrew Lamb, (1590;) *tr.* to Leith 1602; afterwards Bishop of Brechin 1606.

Mr. William Watfon, 1606; *tr.* to Markinch 1616.

Dr. John Mitchelfon;² *tr.* from Markinch 1616; deposed Feb. 7, 1639.

Mr. Andrew Leslie, *ad.* January 30, 1640; died 1643.

Mr. John Smith, *tr.* from Leslie, October 18, 1643; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1648.

Mr. George Nairne, *tr.* from Cameron August 15, 1649; deposed 1662; died 1670.

Mr. George Johnston, *ad.* : outed 1688; formally deposed Nov. 20, 1691.

Mr. James Pitcairn, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to

Mr. James Inglis, *tr.* from St. Martins August 15, 1693; deposed for error in doctrine 1699.

Mr. John Cleghorn, *ad.* May 7, 1701.

DYSART.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. Andrew Forrester, (1567.)

Mr. Robert Danielfon, *ad.* : died 1573.

Mr. George Scot, *ad.* May 25, 1574; died 1582.

Mr. John Young, *ad.* October 25, 1582; died 1584.

Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* November 1584.

Mr. William Murray, *ad.* March, 1584-5.³

¹ In 1567 Burntisland, formerly called Wester Kinghorn, as part of the cure of Mr. Thomas Biggar, minister at Easter Kinghorn, was under the charge of Mr. John Brown, exhorter. It was erected into a separate parish before 1606.

² He wrote a Defence of Kneeling at the Communion, octavo, London, 1620.

³ Mr. Murray was the father of William first Earl of Dysart,—*Wood's Peerage*.

- Mr. William Nairne,¹ *ad.* 1619 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; died January 1653.
- Mr. James Wilton, *ad.* 1653 ; deposed 1661.
- Mr. John Robertson, *tr.* from Kirkaldie Oct. 29, 1661 ; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 1662.
- Mr. John Anderson, *ad.* Feb. 1664 ; retained his charge after the Revolution, and died in 1707.

DYSERT.—2D MINISTER.

- Mr. Thomas Hogg,² *ad.* 1616 ; deposed for contumacy, April 1620.
- Mr. William Spittal, *ad.* 1626 ; demitted 1635.
- Mr. Mungo Law, *ad.* 1636 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1644.³
- Mr. James Wilton, *ad.* 1644 ; admitted to the 1st charge 1653.
- Mr. James Blair, *ad.* April 1655 ; died Oct. 21, 1655.
- Mr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Newburn March 1657 ; conformed to Episcopacy 1662 ; *tr.* to Cupar Aug. 6, 1663.
- Vacant from 1663 to 1669.
- Mr. Robert Lundin, *ad.* Sept. 1669.
- Mr. James Arbuthnot, *ad.* 1686 ; ousted 1689.
- Mr. Andrew Wedderburn, *ad.* 1688 ; died 1694.
- Vacant from 1694 to 1699.
- Mr. David Low, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1699 ; died 1703.

KENNOWAY.

- Mr. John Symon, (1567.)⁴ died 1582.

¹ He was the author of "The Pearle of Prayers."

² Although Mr. Hogg appears as 2d minister in 1616, that charge was not instituted till 1625, (see p. 104), to which Mr. Spittal was admitted in April 1627. Mr. Hogg was afterwards minister of Kennoway.

³ He was one of the six ministers who protested against the surrender of Edinburgh Castle, and died a prisoner in England in 1660.

⁴ Mr. Symon had also Scoonie under his charge ; and Mr. Alexander Sauchy officiated as *vicar* at Kennoway.

Mr. Alexander Sauchy, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574; died 1575.

Mr. Robert Wood, *ad.* Dec. 4, 1582.

Mr. William Scot, (1602).

Mr. George Nairne, *tr.* from Kemback 1604; died 1610.

Mr. James Symfon, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1611; *tr.* to Kirkaldy 1627.

Mr. Frederick Carmichaell, *tr.* from Kirkaldie 1627; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Markinch June 11, 1640.

Mr. Thomas Hogg, *ad.* June 25, 1640; died June 21, 1652.

Mr. Robert Mercer, *ad.* Jan. 27, 1653; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. George Chalmers, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Mr. Thomas Ruffell, *ad.* October 8, 1690.

KINGHORN.

Mr. David Wood, *ad.* 1561.¹

Mr. Thomas Biggar, *ad.* July 18, 1570.

Mr. Robert Rait, *reader*, (1576.)

Mr. John Scrimgeour, (1615;) deposed 1620.

Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour, *ad.* 1620; outed 1639.

Mr. John Moncreiff, *tr.* from Colleslie, Dec. 12, 1639; died 1650.

Mr. Josua Meldrum, *tr.* from Auchtertool June 26, 1651; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 5, 1662.

Dr. Gilbert Lyon, *ad.* May 20, 1663; died 1685.

Mr. Patrick Lyon, *ad.* 1686; suspended by the Presbytery Sept. 1690.²

KINGLASSIE.

Mr. David Stirk, *reader*, *ad.* 1567. See MARKINC.

¹ Mr. David was required by the Superintendent of Fife (January 1562), "to ask forgiveness on his knees from John Brown, reidar in Kinghorn, for calling him hypocrite, rascally knave, idolator, and massmonger, and to confess his fault before the congregation of Kinghorn. and then to be deprived of his ministry for some time, at the discretion of the Superintendent." — *Wodrow's Bio. Coll.* printed by the MAITLAND CLUB, p. 461.

² Mr. Lyon retained his charge after the Revolution.

Mr. John Rynd, *exhorter*, *ad.* Feb. 5, 1570-1.
 Mr. Mathew Valange, *ad.* ; died 1571.
 Mr. George Ramfay, *ad.* 1572; died 1611.
 Mr. James Wilfon, *ad.* 1611; died 1630.
 Mr. Thomas Melvill, "brother to the Laird of Raith," *ad.* Dec. 16, 1630;
 conformed to Presbytery 1638.

Mr. Alexander Mouro, *tr.* from Dunfermline 1676; *tr.* to Weems .
 Mr. David Bean, *ad.* ; demitted October 9, 1690.
 Mr. Robert Elliot, *tr.* from Linton in Tweeddale Sept. 4, 1691; died 1704.

KIRKALDIE.

Mr. George Scot, (1567;) *tr.* to Dyfart 1574.
 Mr. James Moutray, *ricar*, demitted 1575.
 Mr. Stephen Wilfon, *ricar*, *ad.* May 1576.
 Mr. John Mitchelson, (1611.)¹
 Mr. John Gillespie, *ad.* 1614; *tr.* to 1626.
 Mr. Frederick Carmichael, appointed April 21, 1627; *tr.* to Kennoway
 August 1627.
 Mr. James Symfon, *tr.* from Kennoway August 1627; conformed to
 Presbytery 1638; died 1665.²
 Mr. George Ogilvie, *tr.* from Portmoak 1665; died 1676.
 Mr. James Williamfon, *ad.* ; outed 1688; and formally deposed by
 the Synod July 22, 1690.
 Mr. Robert Rule, *ad.* July 24, 1688; *tr.* to Stirling April 1693.
 Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
 Mr. Archibald Riddell, *tr.* from Weems May 1697; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1702.
 Mr. John Wilfon, *tr.* from Portmoak 1702; *tr.* to North Leith .

¹ Mr. Mitchelson was at the same time minister of Markinch, to which parish alone he betook himself in 1614.

² He died in January 1665, "a man of full days, and who had good skill of herbs."—*Lamont's Diary*.

KIRKALDIE.—2D MINISTER.

Mr. Robert Dowglas, (1630); conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1641.¹

Mr. Patrick Gillefpie, *ad.* April 14, 1642; *tr.* to Glasgow 1648.²

Mr. Kenneth Logie, *ad.* Feb. 1650; died Dec. 1669.

Mr. John Robertfon, *ad.* Dec. 1658; *tr.* to Dyfart 1661.

Mr. Ludovick Gordon, *ad.* ; outed 1688.

Mr. Andrew Wardroper, *ad.* June 30, 1692; *tr.* to Ballingray April 30, 1702.

LESLIE.

Andrew Angus, *reader*, 1574. See MARKINCH.

Mr. Thomas Putie, (1611;) conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1641.

Mr. John Smyth, *A. and S.* to Mr. Putie, *ad.* Dec. 11, 1634; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Burntisland 1643.

Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* 1645; outed in 1663.

Mr. William Mitchell, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to Dundee Feb. 19, 1691.

Mr. John Anderfon, *ad.* June 30, 1691; *tr.* to St. Leonards Sept. 1, 1697.

Mr. John Shaw, *tr.* from Newtown Nov. 9, 1698; *tr.* to South Leith 1708.

MARKINCH.

Mr. Peter Watfon, (1567.)³

Mr. John Mitchelfon, (1611);⁴ *tr.* to Burntisland 1615.

¹ At the Coronation of Charles the 2d at Scone, Mr. Douglas preached, and conducted the religious part of that ceremony.

² He was at the same time Principal of the University, but was ejected at the Restoration. He died about 1670.

³ Mr. Watson had also charge of the kirks of Kinglassie, Leslie, and Portnoak, where readers officiated. In the beginning of the seventeenth Century, the small parsonage of Kirkforthar was annexed to this parish.

⁴ Mr. Mitchelson had at the same time charge of the church of Kirkaldie.

- Mr. William Watfon, *ad.* March 1616; died 1619.
 Mr. Andrew Lawmonth, *ad.* 1619; deposed Feb. 7, 1639.
 Mr. Frederick Carmichael, *tr.* from Kennoway, June 11, 1641; died May 3, 1667.
 Mr. John Ramfay, *tr.* from Scoonie, May 6, 1668.
 Dr. John Middleton, *ad.* 1684; demitted 1695.
 Vacant from 1695 to 1697.
 Mr. William Mackie, *tr.* from Portmoak, 1697; died 1699.
 Mr. Joseph Drew, *tr.* from New Monkland, April 30, 1701; *tr.* to the Principality of St. Leonards College, 1708.

PORTMOAK.

- Mr. John Rynd, *exhorter*, *ad.* 1567. See MARKINCH.
 Mr. Robert Winrame, *ad.* ; did 1573.
 Mr. Henry Forfyth, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574.
 Mr. John Wilkie, (1611); died 1632.
 Mr. Harie Wilkie, *ad.* Feb. 25, 1633; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Weems Nov. 30, 1642.
 Mr. George Ogilvie, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1643; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Kirkaldie in 1665.
 Mr. Walter Bruce, *ad.* 1666.
 Mr. John Bruce, (1669;) ousted 1688; but formally deposed Sept. 4, 1690; died 1695.
 Mr. William Mackie, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to Markinch 1697.
 Mr. John Wilfon, *ad.* Nov. 24, 1698; *tr.* to Kirkaldie, 1702.

SCOONIE.

- Mr. John Symfon, (1567.) See KENNOWAY.
 Mr. Allan Lawmonth, (1585); died 1632.
 Mr. Thomas Lawmonth, Assistant to his father, May 1614.
 Mr. Walter Lawmonth, do. Oct. 27, 1627; *tr.* to Scone 1631.
 Mr. Robert Cranftoun, *tr.* from Kettle 1632; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1643.

- Mr. Alexander Moncreiff, *ad.* September 26, 1643; depofed 1662.
 Mr. John Ramfay, *ad.* Aug. 14, 1662; *tr.* to Markinch, May 6, 1668.
 Mr. Robert Wood, *ad.* Nov. 18, 1669.
 Mr. John Blair, *ad.* .¹

WEEMS.

- Mr. Andrew Forrefter, (1567.)
 Mr. John Tullais, (1586,) alive 1619.
 Mr. Patrick Mearns, *ad.* Sept. 8, 1636; depofed 1638.
 Mr. George Gillefpie, *ad.* April 26, 1638.
 Mr. Harie Wilkie, *tr.* from Portmoak. Nov. 30, 1642; conformed to
 Epifcopacy 1662; died O&. 7, 1664.
 Mr. James Nairne, *ad.* May 1665.
 Mr. Alexander Monro, *tr.* from Kinglaffie ; *tr.* to St. Andrews .
 Mr. Alexander Scares, ; outed 1688.
 Mr. William Tullideph, *ad.* 1688; made Principal of St. Leonards, 1691.
 Mr. Archibald Riddel, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1691; *tr.* to Kirkaldie, May 20, 1697.
 Mr. Thomas Black, *tr.* from Strathmiglo, O&. 14, 1697; *tr.* to Perth, April
 1698.
 Mr. James Grierfon, *ad.* Sept. 22, 1698; *tr.* to Edinburgh, 1710.

PRESBYTERY OF DUNFERMLINE.

ABERDOUR.

- Mr. John Ramfay, *ad.* 1560 to the kirks of Aberdour and Torrie.
 Mr. Peter Blaikwood, (1567;) *tr.* to Aberdeen. 1586.²

¹ Mr. Blair continued minifter after the Revolution, although not in communion with the Presbytery.

² Mr. Blaikwood appears to have had the kirks of Carnock, Saline, Aberdour, Auchtertool, and Dalgetie, in his charge. He was assisted by "John Paterson, reidare at Dalgetie and Aberdour, and Mr. John Fairfull, and Mr. Walter Balcanquell, exhorters."

Mr. Andrew Kirk, *ad.* May 1587.

Mr. Patrick Carmichael, *ad.* 1606.

Mr. William Patton, *ad.* ; died 1634.

Mr. Walter Stewart, *ad.* 1635; *tr.* to the Provostry of Orkney 1636.

Mr. Robert Bruce, *ad.* 1637; conformed to Presbytery 1638, and to Episcopacy 1662; died 1667.

Mr. Thomas Littler, *tr.* from Auchtertool, Sept. 16, 1668.

Mr. Robert Johnston *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1697.

Mr. David Cummine, *ad.* February 24, 1697; died 1701.

Mr. Alexander Scot, *ad.* September 24, 1702.

BEATH.

Mr. Alexander Stewin, *reader*, 1569.

Mr. Harie Smyth, *ad.* 1644;¹ conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. George Gray, *ad.* ; demitted 1690.

Mr. Alexander Steedman, *ad.* June 9, 1691.

CARNOCK.

Rychart Broun, *reader*, (1567.)

Mr. Peter Blaikwood, *ad.* 1571; *tr.* to Aberdeen, 1586.

Mr. James Stewart, *ad.* 1586; *tr.* to Saline, May 1587.

Mr. John Row, *ad.* 1592; continued to 1646.

Mr. George Belfrage, *ad.* June 2, 1647; depofed July 1664.

Mr. John Selaw, late minister at Kells, *ad.* Feb. 1, 1665; *tr.* to Kinnaird in 1679?

Mr. Thomas Marshall, *ad.* 1679; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1694.

Mr. William Innes, *ad.* O&T. 18, 1693; *tr.* to Thurfó 1697.

Mr. James Hog, *ad.* August 23, 1699; continued to 1734.

¹ Beath was united with Aberdour and Dalgetie in one charge till 1643, when it was erected into a separate parish, of which Mr. Harie Smyth was the first minister. His stipend was contributed by the different Presbyteries. See p. 154.

CLEISH.

Mr. John Anderfon, *reader*, 1567.

Mr. John Henderfon, *ricar*, *ad.* April 30, 1575; died 1581.

Mr. William Lumfden, *ad.* ; died 1586.

Mr. Edmond Myles, who was admitted *ricar* in 1582, and *minifter* Sept. 1586; demitted 1634.

Mr. James Carmichaell, *ad.* 1634; conformed to Presbytery 1638; demitted Oct. 17, 1649.

Mr. James Hackfoun or Halkerfton, *ad.* July 8, 1651; conformed to Epifcopacy 1662.

Mr. William Hackfoun, *ad.* ; demitted 1690.

Mr. Thomas James, *ad.* 1691; demitted July 6, 1698.¹

Vacant from 1695 to 1700.

Mr. John Gib, *tr.* from Muckart, March 31, 1701.

CULROSS.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. John Dykes,² (1567); confined by order of King James 1607.

Mr. Robert Colvill, *ad.* ; died 1630.

Mr. John Duncan, *ad.* 1631; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1655.

Mr. Robert Edmiftoun, *ad.* July 2, 1649, helper to Mr. Duncan; depofed November 27, 1667.

Mr. Robert Wright, *ad.* 1662; outed 1689.

Mr. James Frazer of Brae, *ad.* 1689; died 1699.

CULROSS.—2D MINISTER.

Mr. Mathew Fleming, *ad.* Dec. 24, 1656.

Mr. Alexander Young, ; outed 1689.

¹ Mr. James was appointed minister of the Scottish African Company, and died on his passage to Darien in 1699.

² Mr. Dykes had also the parishes of Tulliallan and Clackmannan under his charge. He was assisted by "Walter Myllar, exhortar," and "Robert Maxwell, reidare."

Vacant from 1689 to 1698.

Mr. George Mair, *ad.* September 2, 1698.

DALGETIE.

John Paterfion, *reader*, 1567.

See ABERDOUR.

John Brounhill, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. Alexander Stephen, *vicar*, *ad.* June 14, 1575.

Mr. Andrew Donaldfion,¹ 1644; outed 1664; alive at the Revolution.

Mr. John Corfar, late minister of Leith, *ad.* January 27, 1669, and continued to 1680.

Mr. John Lumfaine, *ad.* 1680, and continued to 1687.

Mr. George Gray, *ad.* 1687; outed 1688.

Mr. Andrew Donaldfion, restored 1688; died 1695.

Mr. Archibald Campbell, *ad.* Aug. 27, 1696, and continued to 1717.

DUNFERMLINE.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. David Ferguson, *ad.* 1560; died 1598.

Mr. John Fairfull, *ad.* about 1598; (alive 1609.)

Mr. Andrew Forrester, *ad.* about 1598; demitted 1615; and was afterwards minister of Collace 1619.

Mr. John Murray, *ad.* 1615; deposed for nonconformity to the Articles of Perth 1622; died 1632.

Mr. Harie Macgill, *ad.* 1622; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

Mr. Robert Kay, *ad.* 15 Jan. 1645; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; demitted November 1665.

Dr. William Pierfion, *tr.* from Paisley; *ad.* Jan. 17, 1666; *tr.* to Stirling 1676.

Mr. Alexander Dunbar, *ad.* October 19, 1676; died March 22, 1678.

Mr. Robert Norie, *ad.* Sept. 18, 1678; *tr.* to Dundee 1686.

Mr. James Grahame, *ad.* 1687; deposed by the Synod June 1701, but continued to officiate till 1710, when he died.

¹ Dalgety was erected into a separate parish in 1643, to which Mr. Donaldson was admitted minister. See p. 127.

DUNFERMLINE.—2D MINISTER.

Mr. Samuel Row, *ad.* 1638.¹

Mr. William Oliphant, *ad.* 15 Jan. 1645; died July 1662.

Mr. Thomas Kinninmonth, *tr.* from Kilmany July 8, 1666; *tr.* to Auchterderan 1668.

Vacant from 1668 to 1673.

Mr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* April 7, 1673; *tr.* to Kinglaffie 1676.

Mr. John Balneves, *ad.* Nov. 8, 1676; *tr.* to Dumbarnie 1680.

Mr. Simon Couper, *ad.* May 17, 1681; deposed by the Presbytery Dec. 28, 1693, but continued to officiate till 1710.

Mr. John Gray, *tr.* from Orwell 1688.

Mr. William Gullane, *ad.* Aug. 24, 1692; *tr.* to Ladykirk Nov. 1694.

Vacant from 1695 to 1701.

Mr. Hugh Kemp, *tr.* from Forgan May 1, 1701; *tr.* to Carnbee 1705.

INVERKEITHING.²

Mr. John Huchefon, (1569)

Mr. John Burn, *reder* at Roslyth, *ad.* Nov. 1570; died 1611.

Mr. Robert Roeh, *ad.* July 30, 1611; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1640.

Mr. Walter Bruce, *ad.* 1641; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. David Lauder, (1677.)

Mr. Alexander Irvine, ; outed 1689.

Mr. Robert Hodge, *ad.* Nov. 22, 1688; died 1691.

Mr. Samuel Charters, *ad.* August 25, 1692.

KINROSS.

Mr. James Dowie, (1567.)³

¹ Mr. Row was merely assistant to Mr. Macgill; the parish of Dunfermline was only made collegiate in 1645, when Mr. Kay and Mr. Oliphant were admitted to the charge of the parish on the same day.

² The west part of this parish was formerly the separate Parish of Rosyth.

³ Mr. Dowie had also in his cure the kirks of Orwell and Ballingray, where Mr. Walter Balfour and Mr. Alexander Wardlaw officiated as *exhorters*.

Mr. John Coldin or Cowdon, (1607); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1640.

Mr. George Coldin, *ad.* 1641; died April 1665.

Mr. James Forlyth, *tr.* from Monzie Nov. 22, 1665.

Mr. Henrie Chrifitie, (1682); outed 1689.¹

Mr. William Spence, (1689).

Vacant from 1690 to 1699.

Mr. Robert M-Gill, *ad.* April 27, 1699.

MUCKART.

Mr. Alexander Fotheringhame, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Presbytery 1638.²

ORWELL.

Mr. Walter Balfour, *exhorter*, 1567.

See KINROSS.

Thomas Broun, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. Patrick Geddie, (1614); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1656.

Mr. John Gray, *A. and S.* to Mr. Geddie, *ad.* March 20, 1650; outed 1662; was alive at the Revolution.

Mr. Alexander Malcolm, *ad.* July 29, 1663.

Mr. Alexander Shaw, *ad.* May 17, 1665.

Mr. Alexander Lundie, ; *tr.* to Carnbee, April 27, 1681.

Mr. Charles M-Kinnon, *ad.* 1681; outed 1688.

Mr. John Gray, restored 1688; but loosed from the charge by the Synod and *tr.* to Dunfermline 1688.

Mr. Andrew Thomson, *ad.* Sept. 27, 1688.

¹ Consecrated a non-juring Bishop in 1709, and died in 1718.

² In October 1632, Mr. Fotheringhame was ordained by the Diocesan Synod "in al tym cumming, to resort to the Presbytrie of Dunfermling as a member theirof in al things, and not to the Presbytrie of Auchterarder." But in October 1639, the parish was rejoined to that Presbytery.

SALINE.

James Blaikwood, *exhorter*, *ad.* Dec. 25, 1567; *tr.* to Sanquhar 1575.

Mr. Peter Blaikwood, *ad.* June 29, 1568. See ABERDOUR.

Mr. James Steuart, *ad.* May 1587.

Mr. William Marshall, ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1649.

Mr. James Oliphant, *ad.* Oct. 14, 1650; died Feb. 1658.

Mr. John Anderfon, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1659; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. James Lindfay, *ad.* March 29, 1664.

Mr. John Johnston, *ad.* ; deposed at the Revolution.

Vacant from 1690 to 1695.

Mr. John Wylie, *ad.* December 31, 1695; *tr.* to Clackmannan, 1700.

Mr. Patrick Plenderleith, *ad.* September 19, 1701.

TORRYBURN.

Mr. John Hucheson, (1569.)¹

William Lawfon, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. William Home, *ad.* ; died 1616.

Mr. Robert Thomson, *ad.* August 1616; died September 1628.

Mr. James Sibbald, *ad.* 1629; conformed to Presbytery 1638, and to Episcopacy 1662; died May 1667.

Mr. James Aird, *ad.* July 15, 1668; ousted 1690.

Vacant from 1690 to 1695.

Mr. Allan Logan, *ad.* July 24, 1695.

¹The parish of Crombie was also in Mr. Hutcheson's charge, and was united to Torryburn previously to 1622.

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